



42nd INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL 19-28, 2024

10 Days of FUN-Filled Festivities for All Ages on Land and Sea!
 Event Tickets & Complete Schedule Online at ConchRepublic.com

DAILY

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM **CRIC 2024 HQ & WELCOME CENTER** at the Key West Historic Seaport, foot of Elizabeth & Greene.

SAIL ABOARD MAJESTIC HISTORIC SCHOONERS, including Danger, When & If, Jolly II Rover, Spirit of Independence, and America, and the Luxury Catamaran Argo Navis.

DAY & SUNSET SAILS, SNORKE TRIPS, FISHING CHARTERS & ALL-DAY ADVENTURES AT SEA aboard Danger Charters and Sunset Sail Key West.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT UNIQUE & HISTORIC VENUES

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: **CONCHY BEACH CLEANUP** with KW Ploggers, Keep Key West Beautiful & CR Green Ops, Meet at KW Bocce Court parking lot, 1801 White Street, across from Atlantic Ocean. **FREE.**

5:00 PM-6:00 PM **OPENING CEREMONY & RAISING OF THE COLORS** at Mallory Square, 400 Wall St. Lighthearted Ceremony with CR Military & Island Dignitaries. **FREE.**

7:00 PM - **LATE KICK-OFF PARTY & CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST** hosted by Schooner Wharf Bar & Galley, 202 William St., Historic Seaport. Visit SchoonerWharf.com for more info **FREE.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10:00AM - 3:00 PM **14th Annual MOTE MARINE OCEAN FEST** at Truman Waterfront Park. Foot of Southard. Enjoy visiting with scientists & conservationists from around Florida, and live music featuring Howard Livingston and other local favorites. Benefit for Mote Marine Laboratory. For more info: tberard@mote.org. **FREE.**

1:00 PM **CONCH CRAWL PUB STROLL** includes libations at 7 historic saloons (801 Bourbon Bar, Mangoes, Kaya Island Eats, Hanks Hair of the Dog, Willie T's, Rick's Downstairs, and Salty Frog's). Sponsored by KW Trading Co., KW First Legal Rum Distillery, Hard Truth Distilling, Mutiny Island Vodka, and Liquor Split. **TICKETS:** \$45 in advance online at ConchRepublic.com (\$55 day of at 1PM Registration, 801 Bourbon Bar.) For more info: ConchPubCrawf@gmail.com.

****NEW EVENT!**** 1:00PM-3PM: **FAMILY PIRATE SAIL ABOARD HISTORIC SCHOONER WHEN & IF** at Perry Hotel Marina, 7511 Shrimp Rd. (board 12:30pm) Tickets: ConchRepublic.com

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM **40TH Annual CR DRAG RACES ON DUVAL** at Bourbon Street Pub, 724 Duval St. Don your high heels & best frock and enter... or cheer on the hottest drag queens as they go heel to heel for a series of races & obstacle courses. For more info, call: 305 747 0343. ****FREE. SIGN UP AT EVENT ONLY.**

****NEW EVENT!**** 6:30PM -8:30PM: **PIRATE SAIL ABOARD HISTORIC SCHOONER WHEN & IF** at Perry Hotel Marina, 7511 Shrimp Rd. (board 12:30pm) Tickets: ConchRepublic.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

10:00AM - 6:00 PM **40TH Annual CONCH REPUBLIC ART & CRAFT DUVAL STREET FAIR** between Eaton & Greene. For more info, visit: SunsetCelebration.org. **FREE.**

1:00 – 4PM **PARTY LIKE A CONCH STAR**, Gates Hotel, 3820 N Roosevelt Blvd. Enjoy DJ music and libations poolside. Sponsored by Mutiny Island Vodka and Liquor Split. **FREE** (Cash Bar.)

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM **JAZZ IN THE GARDENS HOTEL**, 526 Angela St at. For more info, visit: GardensHotel.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

****NEW EVENT!**** 6:30PM – 8:30PM **SAIL WITH THE CR HIGH COMMAND** ABOARD HISTORIC SCHOONER WHEN & IF at Perry Hotel Marina, 7511 Shrimp Rd. (board 12:30pm) Tickets: ConchRepublic.com

MONDAY, APR 22ND

****NEW EVENT!**** 6:30PM – 8:30PM **FAMILY PIRATE SAIL ABOARD HISTORIC SCHOONER WHEN & IF** at Perry Hotel Marina, 7511 Shrimp Rd. (board 12:30pm) Tickets: ConchRepublic.com

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM **CONCH REPUBLIC MILITARY MUSTER & CONCH-TAIL PARTY** at Truman Waterfront Pier, next to the USCGC INGHAM. Sponsored by Jersey Mike's, KW First Legal Rum Distillery, and Eagle Brands – Budweiser, KW Trading Co, Hard Truth Distilling & Liquor Split. For more info, email: cutiesinaction@gmail.com. ***LIMITED EARLY BIRD Tickets \$15**, include Ceremony Seating and are available online. (\$20 at the door while supply lasts.)

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM **42ND INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY** at Truman Waterfront Pier, next to the USCGC INGHAM, Foot of Southard. Join us to celebrate 42 Years of FUN Dependence. **FREE**.

***\$15 Muster tickets** include Ceremony seating, c-rations, and a Truth Serum Conch-Tail available in advance at ConchRepublic.com. \$20 at the door, based on availability. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

8:00 PM – 9:00PM **MANDATORY CAPTAINS' MEETING CR NAVAL PARADE**, immediately follows the Military Muster at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St, Historic Seaport. **FREE** Cash Bar).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM **HOT HAVANA NIGHT DANCE PARTY WITH CARIBE OF KW** at The Backyard at Kaya Island Eates. Benefit for Tree Institute International and Flagship WOLF Preservation Society. For more visit: TreeInstitute.org. **EARLY BIRD Tickets starting at \$20. Reserve YOUR PRIVATE Table online.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

****NEW EVENT** 2:00 PM-7:00 PM CR FARMERS MARKET** at Truman Waterfront Park, foot of Southard St. **FREE**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM **PARADE PRE-PARTY & CR MILITARY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY** at The Mansion on the Sea, 1400 Duval St. Join the CR High Command prior to Parade. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

8:00 PM - 9:100 PM **WORLD'S LOOOOONGEST PARADE** on Duval – From the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. **FREE**

9:00 PM - **LATE PARADE AFTER-PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY**, at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St., Historic Seaport For info, visit SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

7:00 PM **42ND Annual CR INDEPENDENCE NAVAL PARADE** in Key West Harbor, alongside Mallory Square. Enter your vessel in the parade online, at ConchRepublic.com. **FREE**

7:00 PM **42ND Annual REENACTMENT OF THE GREAT SEA BATTLE OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC**. In, alongside and above Key West Harbor. Best viewing at Mallory Square. **FREE**

8:00 PM - **LATE 42ND Annual "SURRENDER CEREMONY & VICTORY PARTY"** at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St., Historic Seaport. For more info, visit: SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

****NEW EVENT** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 1st Annual BRAWL ON DUVAL Amature Boxing** Benefit for KW PAL (Police Activities League) 200 Block of Duval, in front of Rick's Bar.) For more info, email MZFMileZeroFight@gmail.com

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM **42ND Annual "CR BLUE RIBBON BED RACES ON DUVAL**, 801 Duval St. (between Olivia & Southard.) Benefit for Sister Season Fund. For more info, visit: SisterSeason.org.

7:00 PM **39TH Annual PIRATE BALL & COSTUME CONTEST** at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St., Historic Seaport. For more info, SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar.)

***NEW EVENT* 6:30-8:30 PM PIRATE SAIL ABOARD SCHOONER JOLLY II ROVER**, at Conch Republic Seafood Restaurant, foot of Elizabeth & Greene. Info, SchoonerJollyRover.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH part

****NEW EVENT** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET**, Higgs Beach, 1801 White St. Where the locals meet to shop local artists, specialty food vendors, and enjoy live music. **FREE**.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **39TH Annual WRECKERS CUP RACE SERIES** to Sand Key Lighthouse with the Schooner Wharf Wreckers Fleet. For more info, visit: SchoonerWharf.com.

5:00 PM - 7 :30PM **JAZZ IN THE GARDENS HOTEL FOR THE CONCH REPUBLIC**, 526 Angela St. For more info, visit: GardensHotel.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

7:00 PM **39TH Annual SCHOONER WHARF WRECKERS CUP RACE SERIES AWARDS PARTY & CEREMEMONY**, 202 William St., Historic Seaport For more info, visit: SchoonerWharf.com.