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FAMILY
FRIENDLY
EVENTS FOR ALL
AGES!

**WELCOME CENTER &
CONCH REPUBLIC
HEADQUARTERS**

DAILY: 10 AM – 9 PM

THOMPSON PLAZA
KW HISTORIC SEAPORT
④ ELIZABETH ST. & GREENE ST.



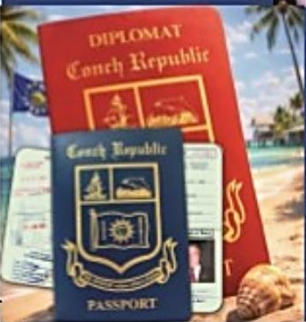
TIME IN & ON THE WATER

*TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

**PARTY
WITH
GENERALS,
ADMIRALS &
PIRATES!**



**GET YOUR PASSPORT &
BECOME A
CONCH-STITUENT
IT'S A STATE OF
MIND!**



**WE FIGHT WAR THE RIGHT WAY -
WITH HUMOR, CONCH FRITTERS,
CUBAN BREAD & KEY LIME PIE!**



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The Florida Keys
Key West

Close To Perfect - Far From Normal



1982



2026

**FORTY
FOUR
YEARS**

**"We're All Here Because
We're Not All There!"**

**INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATION**

APRIL 17-26, 2026
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

**OFFICIAL
FESTIVITIES GUIDE**

CONCH REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8-9AM 11th Annual CONCHY BEACH CLEANUP AT HIGGS BEACH. **FREE**

10-11:30AM LEGENDS OF KEY WEST CONCH REPUBLIC Old Town Walking Tour with Island Audio Tours with Magic Frank.*

4:30-5:30PM OPENING CEREMONY & RAISING OF THE COLORS at Mallory Square. **FREE**

7PM 41st Annual SCHOONER WHARF BAR KICK-OFF PARTY & CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8AM 26th Annual EARTH DAY 5K. Starts at Truman Waterfront Park.*

10AM-3PM Conch Republic Marine Army WEEKLY OCEAN & MANGROVE CLEAN-UP.

Departs from the Perry Hotel. **FREE***

10AM-6PM 42nd Annual Conch Republic CRAFT STREET FAIR on DUVAL (between Eaton & Greene). **FREE**

1-4PM OLD TOWN CONCH CRAWL PUB STROLL Includes drinks at 8 saloons and Crawl Tee and After Party.*

3-7pm CONCH REPUBLIC RUM LAUNCH PARTY at Bali Bar. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

2-6PM 43rd Annual DRAG RACES ON DUVAL between Petronia & Angela. **FREE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10AM-2PM Key West ARTISAN MARKET-HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS EDITION at Higgs Beach. **FREE**
High Noon COW KEY BRIDGE RUN Zero K - Cowless in Wonderland - Meet at Key West side of the bridge. Registration before 10AM.*

5PM-7:30PM JAZZ IN THE GARDENS, Gardens Hotel d'vine Wine Gallery. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

6:30-9:30PM CONCH DELIGHT Dinner Under the Stars at Grimal Grove, Big Pine Key.*

MONDAY, APRIL 20

4-6PM CONCH REPUBLIC MILITARY MUSTER & POTLUCK Key West Cultural Center & Veterans Memorial.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

6-9PM CONCH-TAIL DINNER PARTY and Live/Virtual Toast (7:30pm) at The Sunset Pier, Ocean Key Resort, Hosted by the Conch Republic military.*

9PM CAPT MEETING - INDEPENDENCE NAVAL PARADE (4/24), Schooner Wharf Bar at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

12:30-5:30pm COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE at Key Plaza. Sponsored by the Conch Republic Aerospace Program (C.R.A.P) **FREE**

6-10PM HOT HAVANA NIGHT DANCE PARTY & SILENT AUCTION At Kaya Island Eats.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

2-7PM TRUMAN WATERFRONT MARKET: EARTH DAY EDITION. **FREE**

4:30-5PM 44th ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY at Mallory Square. **FREE**

8-9PM 43rd Annual WORLD'S LOOOOONGEST PARADE on Duval - From the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf. Join the Parade!*

9PM SCHOONER WHARF BAR PARADE AFTER-PARTY at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE** (CASH BAR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8-9AM MALLORY SQUARE CLEAN-UP with Ploggers of the Keys and Keep Key West Beautiful. **FREE**

10-11:30AM LEGENDS OF KEY WEST CONCH REPUBLIC OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR with Island Audio Tours.*

7PM 43rd Annual INDEPENDENCE NAVAL PARADE in Key West Harbor, alongside Mallory Square. **FREE** join the parade!*

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 (cont'd)

7PM 43rd Annual RE-ENACTMENT OF THE GREAT SEA BATTLE of the CONCH REPUBLIC. Best viewing at Mallory Square. **FREE** (Cash Bar.)

8PM 41st Annual SCHOONER WHARF BAR "GREAT SEA BATTLE SURRENDER CEREMONY & VICTORY PARTY" at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10AM-3PM Conch Republic Marine Army WEEKLY OCEAN & MANGROVE CLEAN-UP.

Departs From the Perry Hotel. **FREE** *
11AM-4PM OCEAN FEST - A Community Celebration, Truman Waterfront Park, foot of Southard St. **FREE**

1-6PM Julie Hansen Memorial BED RACES ON DUVAL, between Olivia & Southard. **FREE.**

Registration 1PM, Races 3PM.*

7PM 41st Annual SCHOONER WHARF BAR "WRECKERS CUP RACE" Capt's Meeting, at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE**

7PM 41st Annual SCHOONER WHARF BAR PIRATE BALL & COSTUME COMPETITION (9PM) at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

10AM-2PM KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET - CONCH REPUBLIC Edition, Higgs Beach. **Free**

1-4PM 41st Annual "SCHOONER WHARF WRECKERS CUP RACE" Sail with the fleet to Sand Key.*

5-7:30PM JAZZ IN THE GARDENS. The Gardens Hotel d'vine Wine Gallery. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

7PM 41st Annual SCHOONER WHARF "WRECKERS CUP RACE" AWARDS PARTY & CEREMONY at the Key West Historic Seaport. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

TICKETS REQUIRED: *
SIGN-UP FORMS ONLINE: *