



Schedule of Events

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** Denotes Tickets & Event Sign Up forms online at ConchRepublic.com*

DAILY

10AM - 9:00PM **CRIC 2026 HQ & WELCOME CENTER** at the Key West Historic Seaport, foot of Elizabeth & Greene. Stop by and get your -Celebration Pocket Guide, stock up on T-shirts, Flags and Souvenirs. Purchase an Official Conch Republic Passport and become a Conch-stituent!

SAIL ABOARD MAJESTIC HISTORIC SCHOONERS, including Danger Charter's Danger's Prize, Danger's Pearl, and Sarah; Sunset Sail Key West's When & If and Malabar X, Jolly II Rover, Spirit of Independence and America 2.0 and luxury catamaran Argo Navis.

DAY & SUNSET SAILS, SNORKEL TRIPS & ALL-DAY ADVENTURES AT SEA – ON & IN THE WATER aboard Danger Charters, Sunset Sail Key West's sloop High Tide, and Cruisin' Tiki's shallow draft vessels – ideal for snorkeling, kayaking.*

SPECIAL EVENTS AT UNIQUE & HISTORIC VENUES

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: 11th Annual **CONCHY BEACH CLEANUP AT HIGGS BEACH** with KW Ploggers, Keep Key West Beautiful, Conch Republic Green Ops and Aerospace Program. Meet at Key West Bocce Court's parking lot, 1801 White Street, across from the Atlantic Ocean. **FREE**.

10:00 - 11:30 AM **LEGENDS OF KEY WEST & CONCH REPUBLIC OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR** with Island Audio Tours Magic Frank and Josh. Learn the real stories behind Captain Tony, Mel Fisher, and Captain Finbar, three of the saltiest characters who once called Key West home.

COST: \$49. Advanced reservations required. For more info about Self-Guided Audio Tours, visit: IslandAudioTours.com.*

4:30 -5:00 PM **OPENING CEREMONY & RAISING OF THE COLORS** at Mallory Square, 400 Wall St. Lighthearted Ceremony with CR Military & Island Dignitaries at Mallory Square celebrates the official start of our 44TH Independence Celebration. Festivities include Color Guard, Conch Republic Pledge of Allegiance and Battle Hymn, Conch Shell-Horn Salute & Live music with CR Royal Minstrel, Sir CW Colt. **FREE**

7:00PM **41ST SCHOONER WHARF KICK-OFF PARTY & CONCH SHELL BLOWING CONTEST** hosted by Schooner Wharf Bar & Galley, 2026 Party HQs 202 William St. at the Historic Seaport. Party with Pirates & Island Dignitaries. Dance Under the Stars. Learn the 'real history' behind our Secession! Conch Shell contest at 9:00 PM. Info: SchoonerWharf.com **FREE** (Cash Bar)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

8 AM **26TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY 5-K** starts at Truman Waterfront Park, foot of Southard St., and benefits the Conch Republic Marine Army's Ocean & Mangrove Clean Up program. Sign up online.

10AM – 3PM **OCEAN & MANGROVE WEEKLY CLEANUP WITH THE CONCH REPUBLIC MARINE ARMY**, leaving from Perry Hotel Marina, 7001 Shrimp Road, Stock Island, and Isla Bella Resort, 1 Knight's Key Blvd, Marathon. Join them for their weekly clean up, dedicated to helping preserve our natural ecosystem & surrounding waterways, and restoring the mangrove habitats of the Florida Keys.

Everything provided – just bring your enthusiasm & sunscreen. **FREE** Weekday Private Charters are also available. To sign up or book a Private Midweek Charter, visit ConchRepublicMarineArmy.org.

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **42nd Annual CONCH REPUBLIC ART & CRAFT DUVAL STREET FAIR** between Eaton & Greene. Purchase one-of-a-kind artworks from local artists you will treasure for a lifetime. **FREE** Visit ConchRepublic.com for more info.

1:00 - 4:00 PM **CONCH CRAWL PUB STROLL ON DUVAL** includes libations at EIGHT historic saloons (801 Bourbon Bar, Doc's on Duval, Mango's, Kaya, Hank's Hair of the Dog, Irish Kevin's, Rick's and After Party at Salty Frog's.)

Bonus stops at the Key West Hotel's Bali Bar and Southernmost Brew Pub. Sponsored by Mutiny Island Vodka, KW Trading Co., KW First Legal Rum Distillery, Mutiny Island Vodka, and Papa's Scooters, tickets include ...a complimentary Collectible Conch Crawl T-shirt (while supply lasts.) Proceeds benefit the Conch Republic Military Forces. For more info email: ConchCrawl2026@gmail.com **Tickets \$60 /\$50 if purchased by April 1.)** Rain or Shine.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM **KW ARTISAN MARKET – HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS at Higgs Beach**, 1801 White St. Shop local artists & specialty foods, and enjoy live music. For more info, visit [Facebook.com/KeyWestArtisanMarket](https://www.facebook.com/KeyWestArtisanMarket) **FREE**

HIGH NOON COW KEY BRIDGE RUN ZERO-K – “ELSIE IN WONDERLAND” Meet at the Key West side of the bridge. Pre-Race Registration Party starts at 10AM. Open to all ages. Awards Ceremony 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM at KW Power Squadron, 5205 College Road. Proceeds benefit MCSO Animal Farm & Petting Zoo. Learn more about the race and Volunteer opportunities at phantompress.com/cow or email Reverend Gweko at SouthernmostMedia@gmail.com.*

5:00 - 7:30 PM **JAZZ IN THE GARDENS**, The Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St. The d'vine Wine Gallery, set in an enchanting tropical garden, is the perfect place to enjoy a glass of wine while listening to great live music with world-renowned jazz artists. Info: GardensHotel.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

6:30 - 9:30PM **CONCH DELIGHT CULTURAL DINNER UNDER THE STARS**, Grimal Grove, 258 Cunningham Lane Big Pine Key. Enjoy Cuban, Bahamian and Caribbean cuisine by classically French-trained chef, Martin Liz, a conversation with historian Cori Convertito, PhD and music by Caribe of KW. Dinner Tix: \$115. Info@GrimalGrove.com

MONDAY, APR 20TH

4:00 - 6:00 PM **CR MILITARY MUSTER & POTLUCK**, Key West Cultural Center and Veterans Museum (formerly American Legion Post 168) 803 Emma St. Come join the Conch Republic Military Forces for their annual Independence Celebration meeting featuring ALL seven CRMF branches – decked out in full regalia.

If you aren't already a member of the CRMF, this is your chance to pick a branch, sign up, and get sworn in. Attendees are requested to bring a pot-luck food contribution. **COST: \$20** and includes a 44th Conch Republic Independence Celebration commemorative pin you can wear on your uniform. Attendees are welcome to stick around after the Muster to enjoy the KWCCVM's jazz night.

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **CONCH-TAIL DINNER PARTY & TOAST** at The Sunset Pier Key West, Ocean Key Resort & Spa, ZERO Duval St. Join the CR Military Forces, Pirates and Island Dignitaries for Conch-Tails and delicious food with a breathtaking harbor view. Win raffle prizes, enjoy live music with Reggae Lou Band with special guest star CR Minstrel Sir CW Colt, and Toast to 44 Years of FUN-dependence (7:30 PM.)

Sponsored and hosted by Ocean Key Resort & Spa Sunset Pier, Mutiny Island Vodka & Key West Trading Company, proceeds benefit Conch Republic Military Forces. Portion of proceeds benefit Flagship Schooner WOLF restoration project. **COST: \$60.** (Cash Bar)*

Can't join us and want to participate in the Toast? Sign up online to **LIVESTREAM** the Toast & Rum Salute from wherever you are – at home, your favorite bar, restaurant or on the beach or on the water. Get sign up link online.*

9:00 PM **MANDATORY CAPTAINS' MEETING FOR CR NAVAL PARADE** at Schooner Wharf Bar, 2026 Party HQs, Historic Seaport, 202 William St. Show your Conch Republic Patriotism and enter your vessel in our CR Naval Parade on April 24. **FREE** (Cash Bar) Sign up and join the parade online!*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

6:00 - 10:00 PM **HOT HAVANA NIGHT DIVAS ALL STARS CONCERT & DANCE PARTY This all female group is directed by Latin Grammy Award nominee Paula Zueleta & voted best Latin band in Miami** at Kaya Island Eats, 618 Duval St. Enjoy a hot Cuban dinner & dance to great Latin hits. Savor a Cuban cigar and rum in the Tropicana lounge. Find your authentic Cuba treasure at our silent auction. Sponsored by The Backyard Bar at Kaya and Rent KW Vacations. Proceeds benefit TREE Institute Int'l.

General Admission starting at \$20. VIP Tables for 2, 4, 6, or 8 available.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

2:00 - 7:00 PM **TRUMAN WATERFRONT FARMERS MARKET – CONCH REPUBLIC EDITION at Truman Waterfront Park**, foot of Southard St. KW's Farmer's Market offers fresh produce, specialty foods, and unique handmade arts & crafts. Info: visit: Facebook.com/KWFarmersMarket **FREE**

4:00-4:30 PM **44TH Annual INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY** at Mallory Square, honors the founding of our Tiny Island Nation. Join CR Prime Minister Emeritus and former Key West Mayor, Dennis Wardlow, CR Speaker of the House Paul Menta and the CR Military High Command for 21 Conch Shell Salute, Color Guard presentation and CR Pledge of Allegiance. **FREE**

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **43RD Annual WORLD'S LOOOOONGEST PARADE** on Duval – From the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. This world-famous, quirky, and colorful parade celebrates Conch Republic Independence. Come early and meet parade participants and their unique & quirky modes of transport. **FREE**

REGISTER YOUR float, marching unit, or vehicle and join the Parade!*

9:00 PM **42ND Annual SCHOONER WHARF PARADE AFTER-PARTY** 2026 Party HQs, KW Historic Seaport, 202 William St. Dance to great live music under the stars, mingle with Parade Participants, Pirates and Conch-Stituents.-Info: SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: **MALLORY SQUARE CLEAN UP**, 400 Wall Street. Join members of Key West Ploggers, Keep Key West Beautiful, and Conch Republic Green Ops and Aerospace Program. **FREE**

10:00 - 11:30AM **LEGENDS OF KEY WEST & The CONCH REPUBLIC Old Town Walking Tour** with Island Audio Tours Magic Frank and Josh. Learn the real stories behind Captain Tony, Mel Fisher, and Captain Finbar, three of the saltiest characters who once called Key West home. **COST: \$49.** Advanced reservations required. For more info, visit: IslandAudioTours.com*

7:00 PM **43RD Annual CONCH REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE NAVAL PARADE** in Key West Harbor, alongside Mallory Square. Join the parade! Register your vessel and deck it out with colorful Conch Republic flags and celebrate 43 Years of FUN-Dependence at sea! Best viewing at Mallory Square Sunset Celebration, Opal Resort & Marina, and Ocean Key Resort & Spa Sunset Pier. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

Register your vessel – or book passage online.*

7:00 PM **43RD Annual REENACTMENT OF THE GREAT SEA BATTLE OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC.** In, alongside & above Key West Harbor, the Battle is a highlight of our celebration. This large scale, hilarious harbor battle pits the CR's Military Forces (Air Force, Aerospace Program, Army, Marine Army & Navy) and CR Privateers of all shapes and sizes against their valiant foe, none-other than the US Coast Guard.

The good-natured foes represent the USCG Cutter Diligence, attacked April 23, 1982, by the Schooner Western Union, the first Flagship of the Conch Republic. The best free viewing is at Mallory Square

(where CR Land Forces are set up), Ocean Key Resort & Spa Sunset Pier and Opal Resort & Marina. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

8:00 PM 41ST Annual SCHOONER WHARF “SURRENDER CEREMONY & VICTORY PARTY”, Schooner Wharf Bar, at 2026 Party HQs, 202 William St. After the Great Battle, join the CR Military & ‘Coasties’ for a Tongue-in-Cheek Surrender Ceremony of the US Coast Guard to the CR Armed Forces – “A Farce to be Reckoned With!” Info: SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

10AM – 3PM OCEAN & MANGROVE WEEKLY CLEANUP WITH THE CONCH REPUBLIC MARINE ARMY, leaving from Perry Hotel Marina, 7001 Shrimp Road, Stock Island, and Isla Bella Resort, 1 Knight’s Key Blvd, Marathon. Join them for their weekly clean up, dedicated to helping preserve our natural ecosystem & surrounding waterways, and restoring the mangrove habitats of the Florida Keys.

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10:00 – 3:00PM OCEAN FEST – A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, at Truman Waterfront Park, foot of Southard St. Enjoy visiting with scientists & conservationists from around Florida, and live music featuring local favorites. Shade tents, vendors, food, drinks, and kids activities. **FREE**

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM 43RD Annual Julie Hansen Memorial BED RACES ON DUVAL, 801 Duval St. (between Olivia & Southard.) Said to be “The most fun you can have with your clothes on,” this zany race takes place on Duval between Olivia and Southard. Put together your own team and decorate a bed to compete for prizes in this hilarious race.

Come early to meet the teams and stroll the crazy, colorful beds competing for the ‘BLUE RIBBON.’ Proceeds benefit Key West’s Sister Season Fund, “Locals Helping Locals.” Registration is 1-3 PM, Race at 3 PM, Awards Ceremony at 6 PM.* For more info, visit: SisterSeason.org

7:00 PM 42ND Annual SCHOONER WHARF “WRECKERS CUP RACE” CAPTAINS’ MEETING at Schooner Wharf Bar, 2026 Party HQs, KW Historic Seaport, 202 William St. Mandatory meeting for April 26 race in the Sail Loft. Info and SIGN UP at SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar).

7:00 PM 42ND Annual SCHOONER WHARF PIRATE BALL & COSTUME COMPETITION at Schooner Wharf Bar, 2026 Party HQs, KW Historic Seaport, 202 William St. Yo Ho Ho! And a Bottle of Rum – It’s a Pirate’s Life for You! Witness swashbuckling sword play, enjoy sea shanties. Live Music, food & drink. Info: SchoonerWharf.com. **FREE** (Cash Bar)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM KEY WEST ARTISAN MARKET – CONCH REPUBLIC EDITION at Higgs Beach, 1801 White St. Where the locals meet! Shop local artists, specialty food vendors, and enjoy live music. Facebook.com/KeyWestArtisanMarket **FREE**

1:00 - 4:00 PM 42ND Annual SCHOONER WHARF “WRECKERS CUP RACE” 2026 SEASON Race to Sand Key Lighthouse with the Schooner Wharf Wreckers Fleet. Or enter your own vessel in the final race of the 2026 season! Enjoy a delightful afternoon at sea on the waters off Key West aboard a majestic schooner, sloop, or multi-hull. This ‘all-in-fun race’ series recalls the tradition of the wreckers during the 1800s. Best viewing. for Race Start is at Mallory Square. For more info, visit: SchoonerWharf.com.

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