

# BASE GUIDE

DREAM YACHT  CHARTER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION!



THE AMERICAS | KEY WEST

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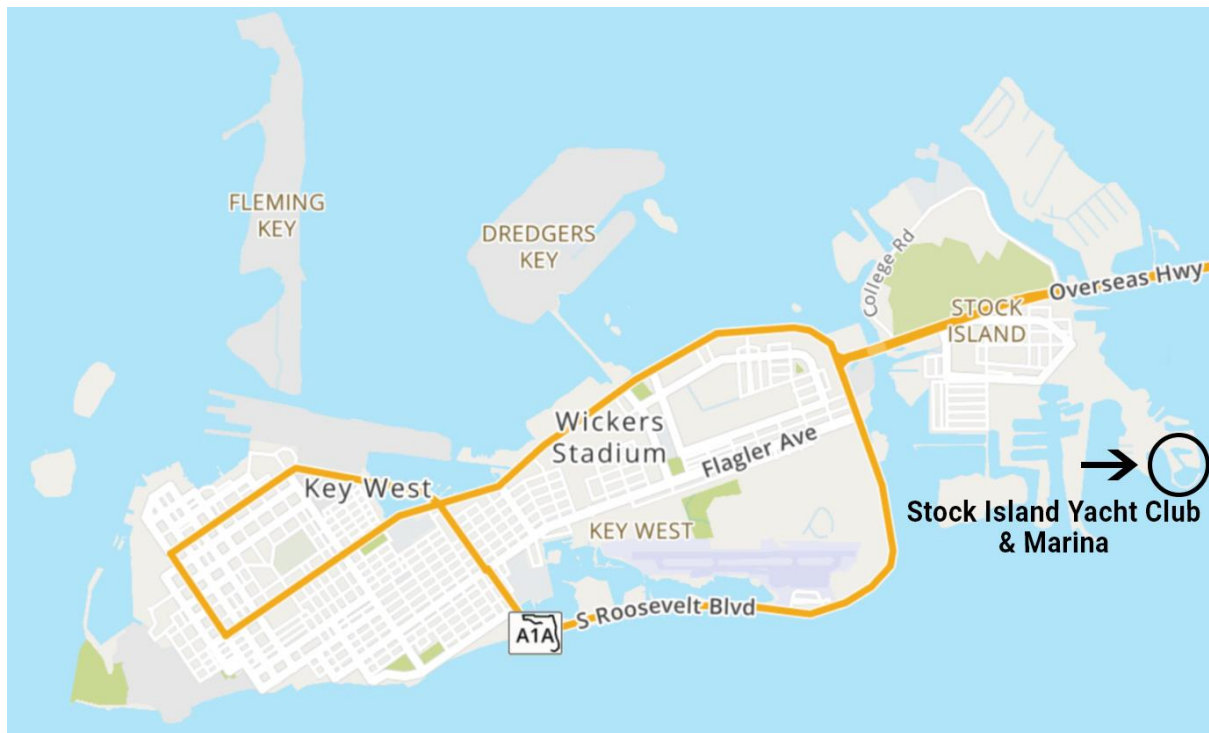
## BASE ADDRESS

Stock Island Yacht Club & Marina  
6000 Peninsular Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

**GPS POSITION:** 24°33'42.4"N 81°43'35.2"W

**OPENING HOURS:** 9am - 5pm

## BASE MAP



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Your journey begins at the Stock Island Yacht Club and Marina Clubhouse. Stock Island is adjacent to Key West and the marina is located on the southern side of the island. Some GPS systems show the marina as Key West Harbour and this is the correct location.

## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### BASE MANAGER:

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Phone: (786) 584-9999

Email: [manager.keywest@dreamyachtcharter.com](mailto:manager.keywest@dreamyachtcharter.com)

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## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity   | <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi         |   |

## BASE INFORMATION

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### LICENSE

Sailing licence required:  Yes  No

### PAYMENT

The base can accept:  Visa  Mastercard  Amex  Cash

### EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation is at 5pm.

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## **YACHT BRIEFING**

Upon arrival, the lead person in your party will receive a yacht briefing. The technical check in and yacht briefing will take 40-60 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience. The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is 9am – please make sure your last night is within reasonable motoring miles of our base so you are not late to disembark. The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **PARKING**

At the entrance to the marina, there is a white gate. This gate is automatic and should open after a short pause upon your arrival. If the gate does not open, you may use the code 2009 for entry. There are numerous available parking spots near the marina clubhouse and there is free overnight parking at the marina.



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## **BAGGAGE**

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome on-board.

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: (786) 584-9999 (Stephan Cantin)
- Marina emergency telephone number: (305) 292-3121
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: (305) 292-8713
- VHF base channel: 74
- VHF marina channel: N/A
- VHF emergency channel: 16

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## HOW TO GET THERE?

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### ACCESS BY PLANE

The small island of Key West has its own airport, Key West International (EYW). Common connecting airports include: Miami (MIA), Fort Lauderdale (FLL), Tampa (TPA), Orlando (MCO), and Atlanta (ATL).

### ACCESS BY ROAD

Key West is the westernmost populated island among the Florida Keys and it is one of the most scenic drives in North America. A series of bridges and islands extend nearly 90 miles off the mainland until its end on U.S. Highway 1, mile marker zero.

The Florida Turnpike is the fastest route to the entrance to the Florida Keys. The Florida Turnpike is a toll road. Tolls are accessed either through a SunPass device (available with some rental cars) or via a picture taken of your license plate. Check with your rental company for more details.

When you get to the southern end of the Florida Turnpike, you will then take US 1 all the way to Key West. The drive to Key West is approximately three hours from Miami and four hours from Fort Lauderdale via the Florida Turnpike and US 1. Take your time on this drive. The speed limits are strictly enforced, especially in the Key Deer zone on and around Big Pine Key with speed limits of 45mph during the day and 35mph at night.

Many guests choose to return their car at the airport upon arrival to Key West and rent another car upon the end of their charter. The following companies have rental car counters at the Key West International Airport: Avis, Budget, Dollar, Hertz. Off-airport rental car companies in Key West include: Enterprise, Alamo, and National.

Information subject to change without notice.

## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  Yes  No

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

**Publix Supermarket**  
Searstown  
3316 Roosevelt Blvd  
Key West, FL 33040  
7am - 10pm

**Conch Town Liquor**  
3340 N Roosevelt Blvd  
Key West, FL 33040  
9am - 12am  
Free delivery

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## **FUEL AND WATER**

Diesel fuel, gasoline, and water are available at our base at Stock Island Yacht Club & Marina.

## **HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:**

### [Margaritaville Key West Resort & Marina](#)

245 Front Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
(305) 294-4000

### [24 North Hotel](#)

3820 North Roosevelt Blvd  
Key West, FL 33040

### [Ocean Key Resort](#)

0 Duval Street  
Key West, FL 33040

### [Perry Hotel](#)

7001 Shrimp Road  
Key West, FL 33040

## **RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:**

### [Blue Heaven](#)

729 Thomas St (Petronia St)  
Key West, FL 33040  
(305) 296-8666

### [LL's Test Kitchen \(Marina Restaurant\)](#)

6000 Penisular Ave  
Key West, FL 33040  
(305) 292-3121

### [El Siboney Restaurant](#)

900 Catherine St (Margaret St.)  
Key West, FL 33040  
(305) 296-4184

### [Hogfish Bar and Grill](#)

6810 Front St, Stock Island, FL 33040, United States  
(305) 293-4041

### [Latitudes](#)

Sunset Key, Sunset Key, FL 33040, United States



(305) 292-5300

## AREA GUIDE

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### LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the southernmost point in the United States, Key West Florida. Known as the Conch Republic, Key West is a subtropical island located closer to Cuba than to Miami and is famous for its coral reefs, beautiful architecture, historic sites, and nightlife. Less than 200 miles from Miami, Key West is the perfect island getaway!

Key West is a sub-tropical island part of the Florida Keys archipelago located at the southernmost point of the United States. The island is four miles long and one mile wide.

The Florida Keys is a highly biodiverse area due to numerous coral reefs and undeveloped forest areas. Some of the best snorkeling can be found at Looe Key and the nicest beaches of Florida are in Bahia Honda State Park. Long Key is a great stop for nature lovers, with its plants and birds. Indian Key is great for swimming with the San Pedro Underwater Archeological Preserve near by.

You might want to start by exploring Key West, the most southern point in the continental USA. Take in the former residence of Ernest Hemingway, enjoy the sunset celebrations in Mallory Square, visit Smathers Beach and tour the Key West Lighthouse.



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## TOP THINGS TO DO IN KEY WEST:

### 1 Visit Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park

Located on the southern edge of the island, Fort Zachary Taylor is an important historical site that pre-dates the Civil War. Guests at Fort Zachary Taylor can explore the largest cache of Civil War armament in the world, discover native plants with a hike on the Tropical Hammock Trail, or visit the 'rocky beach' known for the best swimming on the island.

### 2 See the sunset at Mallory Square/Old Town

Explore the shops, restaurants, and tourist attractions at the historic waterfront of Mallory Square. In the evenings, enjoy the musicians, artists, street performers, and food vendors for the historic Sunset Celebration. See you at Sunset!

### 3 Harry S Truman Little White House

The Little White House is the only presidential site in the state of Florida. Originally constructed as naval officers' housing in the late 1800s, it has since been used by six American Presidents. During President Truman's stay in office, he spent 175 days at the residence while he faced the challenges of rebuilding Europe after World War II, the cold war, and post war unrest.

### 4 Stroll the iconic South Beach

Take photos of the Art Deco Historic District, including the colorful lifeguard towers from South Pointe up the beach. Each tower is decorated differently and acts almost as an art show. It's one of our favorite things to see while on a yacht charter in Miami.

### 5 Head to Key Biscayne's nature trail

Don't miss [Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park](#) with expansive Atlantic Ocean views across Biscayne Bay from the historic lighthouse. It is ranked as one of the best beaches in Florida with 1.25 miles of natural sand. There are many picnic pavilions, rental chairs and umbrellas, nature trails, restaurants and showers if you go for a swim.

### 6 See the Everglades National Park

If you head to the Keys then make time to explore this subtropical wilderness and [wetlands](#). You might see some of the 50 species of reptiles, including alligators and crocodiles.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**CURRENCY**            USD

### VOLTAGE

Electricity on land:    110 V

### DIALING CODE

Area code:            +01

### INTERNET

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Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at the marina and many local establishments throughout Key West.

## ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## REGULATIONS

Fishing permits are required for saltwater and freshwater fishing in the state of Florida. Fishing regulations include limited seasons for some species along with limits on the number of fish caught and the size. For more information, and to order fishing permits online, visit [gooutdoorsflorida.com](http://gooutdoorsflorida.com).

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# SAILING CONDITIONS

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## SAILING AREA

When planning your sail charter from Key West, make time for Key Biscayne with its breathtaking Bill Baggs State Park – it's one of our favorite things to do when sailing Key West. You can moor overnight in the nearby No Name Harbor for a small fee and there is a grill offering food if you want to dine out.

Biscayne Bay offers calm cruising and Elliot Key is a popular anchorage if you want to snorkel, swim or explore a nature trail. There is much in the way of choice when it comes to marinas and moorings. Anchorage west of Fleming Key and around Wisteria Island offer good protection. You can also spend the night in one of the marinas at the north west tip of Key West. They can be accessed by the Bight Channel.

You will be spoilt for choice when it comes to the 800 islands that make up the Florida Keys, which can offer everything if you love being out on the water, watersports and fishing. You can stop by Key Largo, Islamorada and Marathon to name just a few.

At Key Largo you can explore the living barrier reef before heading to Islamorada with its six keys bursting with history and known for its fishing. Watch the sunset at Marathon, visit the turtle hospital and take a photo of the impressive Seven Miles Bridge.

If you worry you won't have time to see everything you want to, you can also sail one way. We offer the chance to start or end your vacation in Key Largo, Marathon or Key West, as well as Miami.

Miami offers the South Beach strip on Ocean Drive, the famous long stretch of white sand with a backdrop of Art Deco architecture and a vibrant atmosphere. There are

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plenty of hip restaurants to try or you can go shopping in the independent boutiques, or the upmarket Design District. Miami has become a thriving arts scene too with art museums, private art collections open to the public and an annual contemporary art fair.

For those seeking a longer sail, you can head to the Dry Tortugas National Park and the uninhabited Marquesas coral reef islands.

## **WEATHER**

Like most tropical climates, Key West has a two-season wet and dry climate. The best time to visit Key West is between early November and early May. Summers in Florida are hot and humid with partial cloud and bursts of rain.

## **TEMPERATURE**

Temperatures during the year typically range from 60°F to about 89°F by the middle of the summer, and rarely dip below 47°F. Between March and May the temperatures are in the high 70s/low 80s.

## **WIND SYSTEMS**

The wind in Key West generally follows a pattern of starting from the northeast in the beginning of the year, slowly clocking to the east and then southeast in the spring and summer, and returning to a northeast pattern in the winter. Wind speeds average 10-12mph.

## **LOCAL FORECAST**

You can find Key West weather forecasts from the [WindFinder](#) website.