

City of Key West Key West Historic Seaport

## BIGHT MANAGEMENT BOARD MONTHLY MARKETING UPDATE

Marketing Services Contract | August 2025 |











September 4, 2025

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Karen Olson, Deputy Director of Port & Marina Services

**FROM:** Dana Pollitt, Managing Partner, ADEPT

SUBJECT: Key West Bight Mgmt. District Board, August 2025 Monthly Update,

Key West Historic Seaport Marketing Services Contract

The following report contains an overview of ADEPT's recent professional marketing activities during August 2025 for the Key West Historic Seaport and the Key West Bight Marina.

## Public Relations / Media / Press Clippings

#### **Newsletter/Email Communications**

In August, we sent the KWHS "Monthly Catch" newsletter, featured below.















## **Media/Press Clippings**

# 11 Best Bars in Key West

By Nicole Lopez-Alvar | August 12, 2025

# New Times<sup>®</sup>



A margarita at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport

Photo by Nicole Lopez-Alvar

#### **Schooner Wharf Bar**

202 William St., Key West 305-292-9520

#### schoonerwharf.com

Schooner Wharf Bar is a legendary slice of old Key West, perched right on the Historic Seaport where the island's spirit comes alive. Since 1984, this funky open-air spot, built on the site of the old Singleton Shrimp Factory, has drawn locals and visitors with fresh seafood, top-notch live music, and a laid-back vibe that's pure paradise. From breakfast on the bight to late-night drinks, it's a place where sailors, locals, tourists, and even pets mingle under the sea breeze. With its mix of history, flavor, and unforgettable characters, Schooner Wharf isn't just a bar; it's a Key West tradition. Pro tip: It's a great place to bring the family because it's not as rowdy as some of the others on this list. Plus, it has great sunset views. They also have nearly ten types of mojitos, fun shots, and signature cocktails like the "Schooner Breeze."





## Now is the time to escape to Key West

PARADISE STAFF Aug 21, 2025





# How to get a Jimmy Buffett getaway if you're planning a trip to the Florida Keys

By Howard Cohen | Updated August 8, 2025 9:45 AM

"Just a Few Friends Walking Tour. The recording studio was once a shrimp storage cooler (hence its name) and sits in the Key West Historic Seaport near the shrimp docks between Schooner Wharf Bar and Conch Republic Seafood Company."



Jimmy Buffett's 'Crazy Sista' and Musical Friends to Lead Aug. 31

Tribute Events in Key West

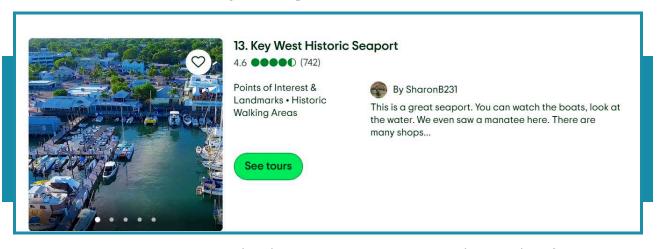
"Lucy Buffett, known as both LuLu and the "crazy sista" of the Buffett clan . . . will accept a proclamation from Key West city officials designating Jimmy Buffett Day on the island. Open to the public, the proclamation ceremony takes place outside the late singer's Shrimpboat Sound recording studio in the Key West Historic Seaport."







#### **The Best Key West Sights & Historical Landmarks**



**#13** Key West Historic Seaport - Updated August 2025. We've increased our ranking from #14 to #13 over the past month, continuing our progress as we move toward our goal of being in the top 10.

## **Key West Historic Seaport Yelp**



4.7/5 stars, Updated August 2025







### **Recent TripAdvisor Reviews**



Fabulous place to visit! Friendly people, fabulous restaurants, great boats to look at, plenty of tour/fishing boats to catch! G

Jul 2024 • Family

A must visit location when in Key West, Fl.

The restaurants are plentiful, the boats are in abundance to see and if you fancy a fishing trip - the charterables abound! People are super friendly and will go out of their way to answer any question you might have. GetSome!!









TravelingMama
New York, NY • 420 contributions

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#### **Beautiful boardwalk**

Mar 2024 • Family

Loved walking around the marina a long the boardwalk. Lots of beautiful boats, delicious restaurants, cute shops. Definitely a must see as a laid back activity



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#### **Excellent Marina**

Jul 2024 • Couples

Each Vacation we hire at least one Boat Excursion that departs from this Marina. The Marina itself is friendly with place to eat, have a cold beer or both.

Written May 18, 2025





## **Recent Google Reviews**

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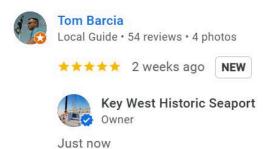




Just now

Thanks so much for your review! :-)





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## **Airport and Bus Terminal Advertising (Anderson Outdoor)**

Our strategic advertising and marketing partners, Key West-based Anderson Outdoor Advertising, continue to support our marketing efforts with digital and static signs from the Airport, N. Roosevelt Blvd, and the Ferry Terminal at the Bight. Johnny Anderson, owner of Anderson Outdoor Advertising, provided these recent images from each of our KWHS advertising buy locations.

















## **Digital Media**

We currently have an ad running in the USA TODAY TRAVEL, FLORIDA & SOUTHEAST Go Escape 2025- Digital Edition! Print copies are forthcoming. Publication includes distribution digitally and to Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, the Gulf Coast, Tennessee, and More. Please see below for the cover of the latest edition. In addition to the media placement, we also receive tickets to upcoming events in Key West that we typically host contests for via the Key West Historic Seaport social media handles.









### **Social Media**

Throughout August, ADEPT produced daily content for the Historic Seaport social media accounts and reached out to all Historic Seaport tenants requesting their latest deals, specials, and entertainment/event schedules so we could continue to promote them throughout the summer months.

Please see below for updates for the following social media outlets:

#### **Instagram Stats**

Followers: <u>5,194</u> up from <u>5,186</u> (8/1/2025-9/3/2025)

Posts: <u>3,489</u>

#### X (Formerly known as Twitter) Stats

Followers: 3,830 up from 3,788 (8/1/2025-9/3/2025)

#### **Facebook Stats**

Followers: <u>10,665</u> up from <u>10,656</u> (8/1/2025-9/3/2025)

#### YouTube

125 channel subscribers321 total videos posted to KWHS Channel

#### **TripAdvisor Stats**

Key West Historic Seaport is Ranked #13 Best Sights and Historical Landmarks and Ranked #16 of 184 things to do in Key West





## **Website Maintenance & Blog (Historic Seaport)**

In August, we published a blog post about how August is a great time to experience Key West's unique charm, with a guide to making the most of an August visit to Key West and the Key West Historic Seaport.



We also continue to communicate with tenants on getting their latest graphics, logos, and promotional items to add to their website pages on the Key West Historic Seaport website.

Blog Post: <u>Summer Serenity at the Key West Historic Seaport - August 2025</u>







## **Website Maintenance & Blog (Bight Marina)**



Blog Post: August Adventures at Key West Bight Marina!

In August, we published a blog post discussing why August is an excellent time to slow down, soak it all in, and enjoy the simple pleasures of island life in Key West and at the Key West Historic Seaport before settling into the fall and winter months.

In addition to our August blog post, we continue to complete website updates, such as changes in pricing, fees, and rules and procedures for use of the amenities at Key West Bight Marina, and ensure that website users are able to request a reservation and upload mandatory documents with ease.





## **Television Marketing & Advertising**

Finally, please see below for the Destination Television (KeyTV) August 2025 Affidavit and Total Spots for the KWHS two television commercials and two editorial spots:

