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To: Marilyn Wilbarger City of Key West

Marilyn,

Please consider this petition for a new contract for the land lease at 705 Palm Avenue occupied by the Key West Community Sailing Center since 1976. Based on our community service and especially our service to the children of Key West we believe our current (expired) contractual lease of \$ 6,460 should be considered for renewal at the rate of \$1 per year, as is done for a number of other organizations serving the the Community.

Our mission stated in layman's terms in order of priority is:

- 1) Teach youth and adults how to sail.
- 2) Provide an affordable and safe place for patrons to sail and develop their sailing skills.
- 3) Provide a place for participation and interaction with fellow sailors.

We were approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization in 2011after reorganizing from being Key West Sailing Club to the current Key West Community Sailing Center, which reflects our true focus. We are open for all with only a small donation to defray our cost of maintaining the facilities and the boats.

We are especially proud of our Youth Programs, which covers an eight week summer program as well as weekly 'after school' and 'school out' programs. We further more have arrangements with the Sigsbee Charter School and the Montessori School to provide boats and sailing instructions for their elective classes. In 2012 we are planning to expand our sailing programs to the High School as well as the Boys and Girls Club.

Besides our Youth Programs, we provide the only place in Key West where adults can learn to sail as well as a place where stationed Navy and Coast Guard personnel can maintain their sailing skills with their families.

Our current Youth Programs since April 2011 have covered more than 100 children between the ages of 8 and 13 not counting the Sigsbee and Montessori students. For the same period our youth programs have a loss of \$4,500 covered by cash donations as well as donations of boats.

We believe that our service to the community is significant and should qualify us for the most favorable rate acceptable to the City.

Please forward a copy of our petition to the City Manager as well as the City Counsel as attachment to our contract renewal.

I have attached a few pictures of our Center in case our City Counsel has never seen us.

Respectfully,

Jens M. Nielsen, Commodore KWCSC CC: Mary-Lynne Schultz, Treasurer Jeff Minalga, Secretary













INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date:

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KEY WEST COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER INC

PO BOX 828

KEY WEST, FL 33041

Employer Identification Number:

59-2813351

DLN:

201203005

Contact Person:

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ID# 95032

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

DECEMBER 31

Public Charity Status:

509(a)(2)

Form 990 Required:

YES

Effective Date of Exemption:

MAY 31, 2011

Contribution Deductibility:

YES

Addendum Applies:

NO

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,

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Lois G. Lerner Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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