



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 6, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Todd Stoughton
City of Key West

Subject: **Recommendation to Approve the “Race World Offshore, LLC” from November 2 - 9, 2025**

Introduction

This memo is submitted for the City Commission’s consideration and approval of the special event application submitted by *Race World Offshore, LLC* for the 2025 Key West World Championship Race. The event is scheduled to take place from November 2nd to November 9th, 2025, at Key West Harbor, with the Truman Waterfront Park designated as the staging area for the event.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received a formal application from *Race World Offshore, LLC* (RWO) to host the 2025 Key West World Championship Race, a high-profile event that attracts participants and spectators from across the globe. As in previous years, the event is proposed to take place in Key West Harbor, with Truman Waterfront Park being utilized as the primary location for staging, logistics, and related activities.

In support of this event, the City Commission previously approved Resolution 19-188, which authorized a five-year agreement with *Race World Offshore, LLC* to hold an annual Power Boat Championship Race at Truman Waterfront Park. In light of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission subsequently approved Resolution 21-020, granting a one-year extension to the agreement due to the cancellation of one of the annual races during the pandemic.

As the original five-year agreement has now expired, *Race World Offshore* has submitted a new application to host the 2025 Key West World Championship Race under the Special Event Process. This application will cover the main event, while separate applications for ancillary events such as parades, concerts, and

street closures have been submitted through the appropriate channels to ensure all necessary permits are secured.

Financial Impact:

There will be no additional financial burden placed on the City for this event. All service-related costs, including police, fire, and community services, will be fully covered by the applicant, as stipulated by the Special Event Matrix. This arrangement ensures that the City's resources are not impacted, and the event remains financially self-sustaining, with all associated costs being borne by *Race World Offshore, LLC*.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends that the Mayor and City Commission approve the special event application submitted by *Race World Offshore, LLC* to host the 2025 Key West World Championship Race from November 2-9, 2025. Approval of this event will continue the tradition of hosting a world-class race that draws international visitors, supports local businesses, and highlights Key West's unique waterfront setting.