



Key West Community **SAILING CENTER**



“Spreading the love and joy of sailing”

705 Palm Avenue, Key West, Florida – on Garrison Bight

Life-Long Sailors



Circa 2004

- Born in Key West
- Began sailing in 2002 at the young age of 6
- All 4 siblings learned to sail
- Built confidence and individuality
- Began working at the center in 2017

Who We Are

- Non-profit organization dedicated to sailing education and recreation
- Established in the early 1970s as the Key West Sailing Club
- Evolved into a 501(c)3 community resource in 2011 as a sailing center
- Experienced board and staff leadership



What We Do



Youth Programs

- Afterschool sailing classes
- Week long summer camps
- Homeschool programs
- Highschool age Racing Team



Adult Programs

- Women's sailing class
- Open sailing class
- Club Racing
- Member's Clinic



Community Programs

- MARC House 'Come About Boating'
- CFK Sailing Club
- School field trips
- Sea Cadet partnership

Social and Competitive Sailing Events



Duetto's Sunset
Pizza Sail



Halloween Regatta



'Round the Island
Race

Membership



- Nearly 300 active members
- Affordable annual memberships for families, individuals, and youths
- Support the organization and its' mission
- Access to the use of our facilities and boats at no additional cost
- Kayaks and paddleboards available to members
- Member activities and events
- Active Duty Military Discount

Facilities



- 36 sailboats ranging from 8 to 16 feet
- Pavilion for classes and events
- Volunteer maintained docks and boats
- Dockage for private sailboats

Our Current State

- Incredible growth over the last 6 years
- More demand than capacity
- Working to secure the sustainability of our programs
- Adding staff to keep up with the demand



Where We Want To Go



- Increase capacity to better serve our community
- Establish new programs and relationships with local schools and organizations
- Recognize sailing as an official school sport
- Build awareness and recognition within the community

Financial Support

- Make sailing affordable and accessible to all
- Scholarship fund for underserved children
- Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses
- Income: 34% program fees, 27% donations and grants, 25% member dues, 14% boat storage fees



Our Local Sponsors

These local businesses, alongside many generous individuals, help us continue serving the community in a unique and meaningful way





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THANK YOU!

We hope to see you at the Center soon

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