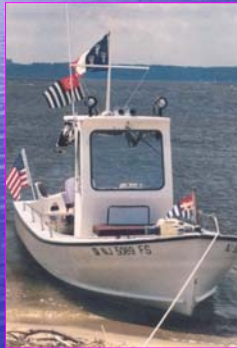


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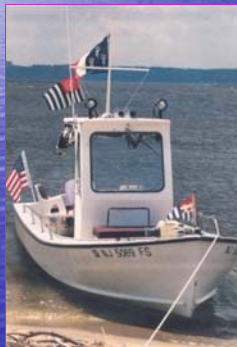
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SHORT TOPICS



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- Reefs, SPA's & Mooring Buoys
- Marathon Power Squadron, and Marathon Yacht Club – Member Info

Regulatory - Florida

- Boats must be registered in the state where they are primarily used, or Documented with the Coast Guard (optional for vessels of five tons or more)
- Registration certificate (original) must be onboard whenever vessel is in use
- Must be registered and numbered within 30 days of purchase
- Reciprocity is 90 days for FL (“Soujourners”)
- Registration exceptions – non motorized boats (rowing dinghies' & sail) or use on private waters

Legal Requirements *Boater Education*

Person(s) born *after* January 1, 1988 *must* complete boater education course or pass approved equivalency exam in order to operate boat or PWC powered by motor greater than 10 hp

- Operators required to have completed boating education course or exam must carry onboard:

His or her Boating Safety Education I. D. Card issued by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) *and...*
Photographic identification card

NEXT CLASS:

Mar 26-27, 2022



Legal Requirements *Boater Education*

- The following operators are **exempt** from boating education requirement:
 - Persons licensed by USCG as master of a vessel
 - Operators only using private lakes or ponds
 - Operators accompanied onboard by person who is exempt from the education requirement or a person at least 18 years old who possesses required identification cards
- No one under 14 years of age may operate any PWC on Florida waters at any time, even if he or she possesses Boating Safety Education I. D. Card.
- No one under age of 18 may rent/lease PWC
- It is illegal for owner of PWC to knowingly allow person under 14 years of age to operate PWC

Marathon Launch Ramps

- **Marathon Marina**, about MM 47 Oceanside - down 11th St. Launches into the Harbor. Pvt (Fee)
- **Skipjack Resort & Marina**- Oceanside -Sombrero Blvd - behind the Publix Grocery at about MM 49, at the Kayak rental signs & tennis courts. Launches into Harbor. Pvt (fee)
- **Public. Dodge Lake**, - Gulfside - about MM 50.9 behind (North) of the airport. Take Aviation Blvd at West end of airport around to Dodge Lake on NW side of airport. Look for signs.
- **Public 33rd St Public Ramp**, Gulfside. About MM 48.3 at traffic light. All the way to end by Yacht Club. Don't park in Yacht club's marked parking area.
- **Banana Bay Resort & Marina Ramp**. MM 49 Pvt (fee)
- **Blackfin Resort Marina Ramp**. MM 49 Pvt (fee)
- **Marie's Yacht Harbor**. Pvt (fee) Coco Plum
MM 54 Coco Plum Drive

..... But Beware

Marathon Launch Ramps

DON'T LAUNCH YOUR CAR & TRAILER!



*Jan 12, 2020 33rd St Boat Ramp Marathon FL
Photo taken from Marathon Yacht Club*

Marathon Launch Ramps

More Unusual Situations!



*March 2018 33rd St Boat Ramp Marathon FL
Dead Whale towed to boat ramp*

Marathon Marinas & Boat Yards

IN HARBOR:

- **Marathon Marina & RV Resort** – Full Service. W end of Harbor
- **15th Street Marina** – 15th St. Liveaboard & Competitive rates
- **Pancho's** – Marina & Fuel Dock. W end of Harbor (beside Burdines)
- **Burdines Waterfront** – Marina & Fuel Dock. W end of Harbor
- **Marathon Boatyard** – Full Service Boatyard. North side, West end of Harbor
NEW Mgmt – NEW phone # 305-735- 4594
- **Marathon City Marina** – Municipal Marina. Mid Harbor. Also Mooring Fields
- **Sombrero Marina Dockside** – At Dockside Tropical Café. East end of Harbor
Dockside Café and Marina are separate
- **Skipjack Resort & Marina** – Far East end of Harbor. Boat ramp
- **Yacht Haven Marina (Hurricane Hole Marina)** – Farthest East.
(back by Publix Grocery)

Marathon Marinas & Boat Yards

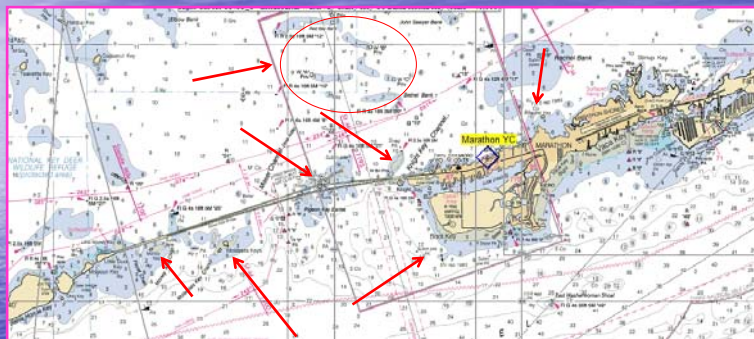
(General Marathon Area outside of Harbor)

- **Faro Blanco Resort Bayside** – Hyatt Resort Marina.
- **Harbor Cay Club** – Private residential Marina. Slips for sale
- **Marathon Yacht Club** – FCYC Club & Marina. Open to members
(Friendliest little Yacht Club in Florida! www.MarathonYachtClub.com)
- **Keys Fisheries Market & Marina** – At Keys Fisheries restaurant
- **Marlin Bay Yacht Club** – (not an FCYC affiliated club)
- **Banana Bay Resort Marina** – MM 49 Gulfside.
- **Blackfin Resort Marina** – MM 49 Gulfside beside Banana Bay
- **Coconut Cay Resort & Marina** – smaller boats
- **Coral Lagoon Resort & Marina** – Oceanside. Full service marina
“Boat House Marina” actually arranges the slips
- **Marie’s Yacht Harbor & Oceanside Marina** – Coco Plum (Unk Status 2022)
- **Driftwood Marina & Storage** – Oceanside. Boatyard
- **White Marlin Marina** – Coco Plum – Oceanside

- there may be others not listed here – go to ActiveCaptain.com
or www.waterwayguide.com

Charts & Shoals

(around Marathon)



Keep Local Charts & Know How to Read Them

(Go to Charting Software to Expand)

Going Aground !

(Those that have never gone aground usually do little boating – or lie)

KEY POINTS:

1. Read your charts & don't go aground to begin with!
2. The USCG will not come and pull you off – they are for emergencies. Local tow companies pull you off.
3. In the Keys, if you call USCG or otherwise broadcast the fact that you are aground, you are likely to face very large fines.
4. Do whatever it takes to call for help if people or property are at risk, but otherwise avoid public broadcasting.

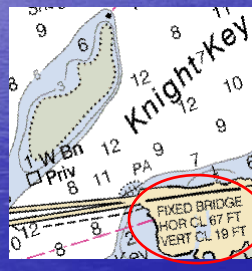
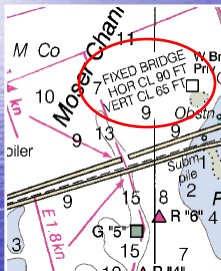


A search was suspended Friday for the missing owner of the 'Galilean,' found grounded on Elliot Key north of Ocean Reef. Mark Myhre of Wisconsin was headed north along the Keys.

Bridges & Clearances

(around Marathon)

- Typically 19' Clearance under 7 mile bridge
- Typically 65' Clearance in Sailboat Channels
- Read the Charts to look up published clearances (Mean High Water)



Sailboat Channels from Key West:

- Moser Channel (MTH) mm 47
- Channel 5 (Long Key)
- Snake Creek opening Bridge (Plantation Key)
- Jewfish Creek (Bayside Only)

DANGER! – Bahia Honda Bridge

Keep Local Charts & Know How to Read Them

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Tides & Currents (around Marathon)



Vaca Cut – several knots

Remember that a high or low tide does not always coincide with slack water.

Rule # 1: In the Keys, there is no apparent rhyme nor reason on the flow currents and rise of tides. Remember that current accelerates as it goes through bridge restrictions.

You can be at high tide on one side of an island, and maybe low on the other. It's confusing. **YOU HAVE TO CHECK THE TIDE TABLES.** (About 1 1/2 ft average in the Keys)

www.SaltWaterTides.com (and others besides)

- * Grassy Key North & South Side
- * Vaca Key (Fat Deer Key Bridge)
- * Key Colony Beach
- * Pigeon Key North & South
- * Molasses Key
- * Vaca Key – USCG MTH - gulf
- * BKH Bridge – Boot Key Harbor
- * Sombrero Key (Light)
- * Knight Key Channel
- * Money Key

Tides & Currents (around Marathon)

Tides for Vaca Key, USCG Station, Florida Bay starting with February 16, 2015.

| Day | High /Low | Tide Time | Height Feet | Sunrise /Sunset | Moon Time | % Moon Visible | |
|------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----|
| M 16 | Low | 4:21 AM | -0.3 | 6:58 AM | Rise | 4:41 AM | 14 |
| 16 | High | 1:52 PM | 0.4 | 6:19 PM | Set | 4:05 PM | |
| 16 | Low | 4:06 PM | 0.3 | | | | |
| 16 | High | 11:35 PM | 0.7 | | | | |

PLUS – Apps
now on Cell
phones for Tides
at your location!

Tides for Boot Key Harbor bridge, Boot Key starting with February 16, 2015.

| Day | High /Low | Tide Time | Height Feet | Sunrise /Sunset | Moon Time | % Moon Visible | |
|------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----|
| M 16 | Low | 12:55 AM | -0.3 | 6:58 AM | Rise | 4:41 AM | 14 |
| 16 | High | 7:15 AM | 1.1 | 6:19 PM | Set | 4:05 PM | |
| 16 | Low | 12:17 PM | 0.1 | | | | |
| 16 | High | 6:44 PM | 2.0 | | | | |

* Greg's note about going aground in Marquesas betw Key West & Tortugas, and tides were 12 hrs different than interpolated values.

6 hrs 35 min difference, and only 878 Yards line of sight difference between them !

Tide & Current Predictions at
<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/>

Weather & Tides

Loopers and all – Wx links consolidated on one page

The screenshot shows the website 'Boot Key Harbor.com' with the tagline 'Marathon - The Heart of the Florida Keys'. The main content area is titled 'WEATHER AND TIDES' and features a satellite image of Hurricane George with the caption 'Hurricane George hit the Keys 1998'. Below the image is a text box that reads: 'Don't be the crew on the SS Menow - whose crew was "brave and tough". It's much smarter to check the weather in advance and plan accordingly. Here you can check the day to day weather before going out, or longer term forecasts and severe weather such as Hurricanes and Tropical Storms.' The page includes a sidebar with navigation links such as 'Home', 'Christmas Boat Parade', 'Marathon City Marine', 'Cruisings - Whereabouts', 'Dishes & Snackellins', 'Fishes (Jetties)', 'Marine Stores & More', 'Weather & Tides', 'Local Keys Links of Interest to Boaters', 'Personal Cruising Logs - Fictional', and 'Personal Boat Library'. The main content area contains a grid of buttons for various weather services: 'Satellite', 'Radar Coverage - National', 'Radar Coverage - Keys', 'Weather Underground - Tropical Wx', 'National Hurricane Center', 'Southern Bury - Marathon Real Time Wx', 'Current Marine Wx Forecast - Keys', 'Sand Key Light - Key West Real Time Wx', 'Milewest Key Light - Key Largo Real Time Wx', 'Hourly Wx Graph - Selected Keys Locations', 'Current Wx Data - Real & Regional', 'National Wx Service - Digital Forecast Graphics', and 'LAME ONECHOBBEE - Current Water Levels'.

<http://bootkeyharbor.com/Weather.html>

Fishing Tips



Capt Jojo Brandenburg
Ana Banana Fishing Charters
305-879-0564
Thecaptjojo@gmail.com

Basic Pointers, Tips and Locations for catching fish here in the middle Keys.

In addition to material presented here, attendees at this short seminar will also receive (via email attachment) an 11 page word document on "How to Catch Fish in the Florida Keys" written by MSPS member John Inghram in 2000. Reprinted with permission.

Cruising Tips

Gregory Absten - MSPS



Rafting up in Tarpon Bay,
Shark River, Everglades

Anchoring, Gunkholing, Resort Marinas and Restaurants

For more detailed information on cruising and rendezvous locations
visit <http://bootkeyharbor.com/CruiseWaypoints.html>



Courtesy MYC (Loyal Eldridge)
List of Marinas frequently used
in MYC cruises in South
Florida.

Does not even include the
Florida Council of Yacht Clubs
Where members of one can
stay a night for free at any of
the other clubs.

LISTING OF MARINAS FOR CRUISING-not including private Clubs

West Coast

Key West: Galleon Resort. 305 901 4303
City of Key West Dock Master 305 809 3984

Stock Island: Perry Hotel & Marina 877 496 8712

Islamorada: Plantation Yacht Harbor 305 852 2381

Everglade City: Everglades Isle R V Resort 239 695 2600

Goodland: Calusa Island Marina 239 394 3668

Marco Island: Riverside Marina 239 339 0199

Naples City Marina: 239 213 3070

Fort Myers Beach: Pink Shell Beach Resort 888 906 2853

Fort Myers City Marina: 239 321 2080

Captiva Island: South Seas Island Resort 866 565 5089

Punta Gorda: Burnt Store Marina 941 637 0083

East Coast

Miami: Old Port Cove Marina 561 626 1760

Stuart: Sunset Bay Marina 772 283 9225

Lake Okeechobee: Roland Martin 863 983 3151

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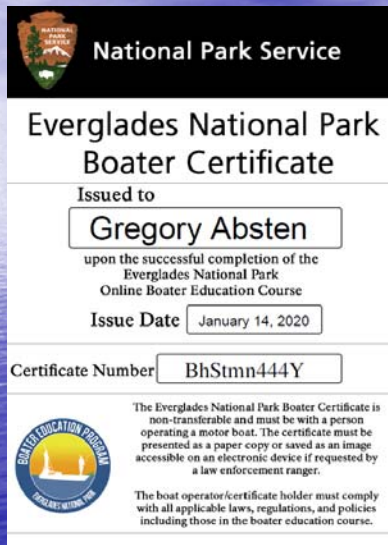
Anchoring & Dinghy Gunkholing

Favorite Local Spots to Anchor, Swim & Explore:

- West Sister Rock (aka "Gullah Gullah Island")
Sisters Creek and Whiskey Creek exploration
- Newfound Harbor, Picnic Island
- Money Key – day trip or overnight (2021 Still Debris from Hurricane)
- Molasses Key – day trip
- Crawl Key Sand Bar off Marathon – day trip
- Shark River, Everglades – MANY spots (New Everglades Endorsement)
- Keys Back Country – Marvin Key, Snipe Key, Tarpon Belly, Crawl Key
- Dry Tortugas – Need good wx. Summer usually best

(Go to Charting Software to Expand)

Cruising Tips



EVERGLADES NEW REQUIREMENT!

<https://provalenslearning.com/everglades-boater-education-course>

No cost online education program.
REQUIRED to boat within Everglades National Park.

This course and accompanying certificate is now mandatory for nearly everyone operating a powerboat within the marine waters of the park. Upon successful completion of the course and test, boaters can print out the certificate to carry with them while operating a vessel in the park.

Cruising Tips

Resort Marina Destinations

Favorite Keys Resort Marina Locations:

- Key West – MANY marinas in Key West Seaport – Key West Bight:
 - Galleon Marina - Hyatt // A&B Marina // City Docks // Conch Harbor Marina
- Key West – Stock Island: [Marina Village](#)
- Little Palm Island, Newfound Harbor (\$\$\$\$\$) Re-Opened 2020
- Faro Blanco Oceanside Marathon – Hyatt Place Hotel
- Hawk's Cay Resort & Marina – Duck Key FL. MM 60
- Marina Del Mar Resort Key Largo –
- Ocean Reef Club (\$\$\$\$) – North Key Largo, Primarily for members

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Cruising Tips

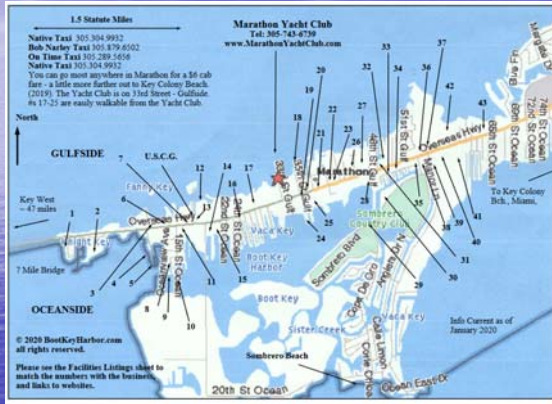
Boating Restaurants around Marathon

Favorite Keys Restaurants (Marathon) to go to by boat:

- Hawk's Cay Resort & Marina – Duck Key FL. MM 60. Oceanside
- Faro Blanco Oceanside Marathon – free for 4 hours for restaurant Gulfside
- Marathon Yacht Club – for members and affiliates
- Burdines - BKH
- Sunset Grill – E end of 7 mile bridge, watch depths!
- Lazy Days – BKH, Marathon Marina, free dining dockage
- Dockside Tropical Café – BKH. dinghy docks & limited face dock (re-open 2020 – call first if coming by boat)
- The Island Restaurant – transient docks, watch depths. Gulfside

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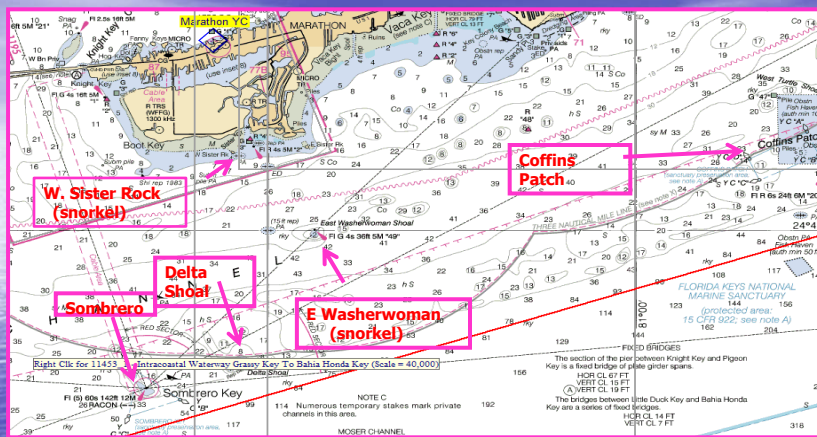
Stores – Restaurants – Bars around Marathon



43++ places listed, and website links included for most. Includes many marinas.

To download the PDF graphic and listing of places, go to: <http://mycfleet.com/> and click on the "Graphical Map"

Reefs, Diving & SPA areas



For a listing of Key's dive sites: <https://www.florida-keys-vacation.com/Florida-Keys-Diving.html>
100+ sites with GPS and descriptions

Reefs, Diving & SPA Areas

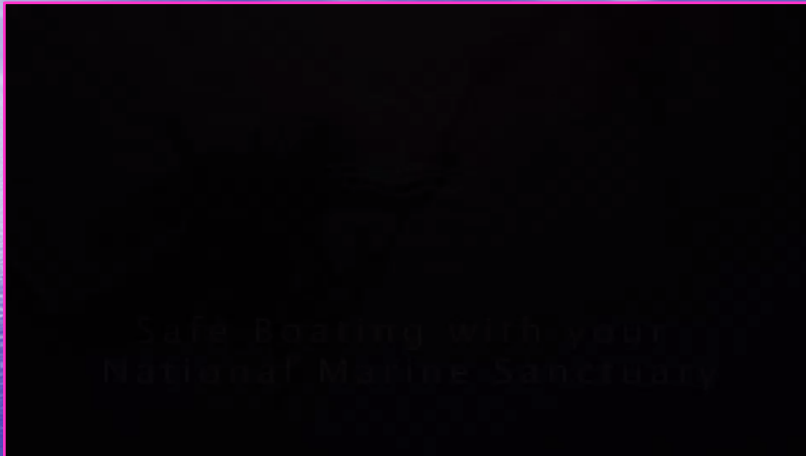
Sanctuary Preservation Areas marked by large, round, Yellow Buoys

Prohibited:

- Discharging any matter except cooling water or engine exhaust.
- Fishing by any means; removing, harvesting, or possessing any marine life. Catch and release fishing by trolling is allowed in Conch Reef, Alligator Reef, Sombrero Reef, and Sand Key SPAs only.
- Touching or standing on living or dead coral.
- Anchoring on living or dead coral or any attached organism.
- Anchoring when a mooring buoy is available.
- Bait fishing is allowed in SPAs by Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary permit.

<http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/zones/spas/welcome.html>

How To Use A Mooring Buoy



30 Second Video – NOAA

Beyond The Keys

At www.BootKeyHarbor.com
/ Personal Cruising Logs
/ Boating 1990 – present Google Map
Also see / Weather & Tides for a
consolidated page of Wx info,
including Gulf Crossing info

[Americas Great Loop Cruisers Assoc](http://www.greatloop.org)
<https://greatloop.org>

[Great Lakes Cruising Club – GLCC](http://www.glccclub.com)
www.glccclub.com



Greg & Lisa Absten
Google Map of Boat Travels

United States Power Squadrons



2 Minute Video – Marathon Sail & Power Squadron
www.MarathonPowerSquadron.org

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MARATHON YACHT CLUB



JOIN US!

In Marathon, the Yacht Club and Power Squadron share in many joint boating and educational events. We share boating cruises and enjoy reciprocity in boating education.