

Florida Keys Community Events

January 6 to January 29, in Marathon
Marathon Community Theater presents: A
Bad Year for Tomatoes
Contact: 305-743-0994
Email: gm@marathontheater.org

January 6 to January 16, in Key West
29th Annual Key West Literary Seminar
January 06 to January 16
The seminar's 2011 topic is "The Hungry
Muse," and will explore food in literature
through a diverse program of readings,
conversations, lectures, and panel
discussions.
\$495 includes all events.
Contact: 888-293-9291

January 9 to January 10, in Islamorada
Bartender's Sailfish Open
An all-release boat tournament among
actively-employed bartenders
Entry fee is \$125 per bartender.
Contact: Dianne Harbaugh 305-852-
2102
Email: ditournaments@aol.com

January 11 to January 12, Islamorada
Islamorada SailFly Championship
Tournament rules will be IGFA format.
Contact: Sandy Moret 305- 664-5423
Email: sandy@floridakeysoutfitters.com

January 13, in Key West
Waterfront Playhouse presents: "Randy
Thompson and the Stars of Aqua Idol"
Showtime 8 p.m.
Contact: 305-294-5015 Box Office

January 14 to January 16, in
Islamorada
NAMSA North American Championship &
Tradewinds Midwinter OpenCat Nationals
Founders Park, mile marker 87 bayside
on Plantation Key
Contact: 305-451-3287
Email: rick@catsailor.com

January 14 to January 16, in
Islamorada
Sailbone - Anglers vie for as many
sailfish and bonefish as they can
Contact: Sharon Mahoney Ellenwood
305-664-2012
Email: sharellen@netzero.net

January 15, in Islamorada
Art Under The Oaks
San Pedro Church Gardens, 9 a.m. - 4
p.m., Mile Marker 89.5
Contact: 305-664-5574

January 15, in Key West
6th Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival

January 15
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Bayview Park at
Truman Avenue and Eisenhower Drive.
Contact: Vicki 305-872-9026 or Dawn
305-292-4501
Email: vickigale@bellsouth.net

January 15, in Big Pine
No Name Race
5K/Walk & Run that benefits the Monroe
County Domestic Abuse Shelter Advance
registration \$20, \$25 day of event.
Children under 15, only \$10.
Contact: 305-743-5452

January 19, in Islamorada
History of Diving Museum presents: The
Art of Freediving
Starts at 7 p.m., admission free.
Contact: Erin Wolfe 305-664-9737
Email: erin@divingmuseum.org

January 20 to January 22, Islamorada
Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish
Tournament
January 20 to January 22
Prior to Jan. 14, angler entry fees are
\$695 for the first angler per boat, and
additional anglers are \$745 apiece. Fees
increase \$50 after Jan. 14.
Contact: Liz Hill 305-451-5094
presidentialsailfishtournament@cheeca.com

January 21 to January 23, in Key West
Key West Harbour King Mackerel
Tournament
Contact: Lee Murray 305-296-0364
Email: lee@murraymarine.com

January 21, in Marathon
Luna Luau Full Moon Cocktail Party
Tucked away amid the heart of Marathon
lies the Crane Point Museum, Nature
Center & Historic Site. From 6-10 p.m.
Contact: 305-743-3900

January 21 to January 22, in Key West
51st Annual Key West Historic House &
Garden Tours
Admission \$25 per person, open from 5
to 8 p.m.
Contact: 305-294-9501

January 22 to January 23, in Key West
Key West Half Marathon Run
Entree fee \$45, \$50 day of race.
Contact: Barbara Wright 305-296-7182
Email: bwpromo3@bellsouth.net

January 22 to January 23, in Big Pine
Big Pine Key Nautical Flea Market
From 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lower Keys
Chamber of Commerce grounds, MM31,
Big Pine Key.
Contact: 305-872-2411

January 23, in Key West
The Key West Pops Orchestra presents:
Leading Ladies of Broadway
Tickets \$30, \$50 and \$75. Show starts
at 7:30 p.m. at Tennessee Williams
Theater.
Contact: 305-295-7676

January 24 to January 25, in
Islamorada
Al Flutie Over the Hill Rip-Off Sailfish
Tournament
Contact: Corrine 305-852-3282
Email: alflutie@bellsouth.net

January 24, in Marathon
Middle Keys Concerts presents:
Big Band Music with the Harry James
Orchestra
Tickets \$25 on sale at 6 p.m., showtime
7 p.m. Performance at the Marathon
High School
Contact: Lynda 305-743-4687

January 26 to January 27, Islamorada
Islamorada Fishing Club Sailfish
Tournament
Contact: Dianne Harbaugh 305-852-
2102 or 305-664-4725
Email:
fishing@theislamoradafishingclub.com

January 26 to January 27, in Key West
Key West Travel Writing Workshop
Class size limited to 16 students.
Contact: 305-296-0458
Email: bobharu@aol.com

January 27 to January 30, in Key West
Key West Food & Wine Festival
Contact: 305-292-1622

January 28 to January 30, in Marathon
2nd Annual Florida Keys Traditional
Music Festival
Tickets \$15 per show (total of four), all-
show tickets \$50.
John/Barbara Holum 410-991-7848
Email: info@keysmusicfest.org

January 29, in Marathon
January Jamboree!
Open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; pastries
available at 9 a.m., lunch available at

11:30 a.m.
Contact: 305-743-4971

January 29 to January 30, Key Largo
2nd Annual Key Largo Stone Crab &
Seafood Festival
Contact: 305-453-0008
Email: SeafoodFest@fkrm.com

January 29 to January 30, in Key West
26th Annual Key West Craft Show
Whitehead and Caroline Streets in
historic Old Town.
Contact: 305-294-1241
Email: kwartctr@earthlink.net

January 29, in Islamorada
Keys Community Concert Band presents:
Hooked on Classics
Islamorada Founders Park, Bayside, MM
87, no chairs provided. Starts at 4:00
p.m. Admission free for all concerts.
Contact: 305-853-7294
Email: heinerdonna@yahoo.com

January 30, in Key West
Key West Master Chef Classic
Contact: 305-294-9526, ext 25

January 30, in Key West
Impromptu Concerts presents:
Soo-Yeon Ham
Admission is \$20 and those under 19
are free. www.keystix.com or at the door.
Contact: 305-296-1520 ext. 1

January 30, in Big Pine
Island Grass Music Fest to Benefit Habitat
For Humanity
On the grounds of Habitat for Humanity's
Big Pine Key headquarters, mile marker
30.5 Contact: 305-294-9006

January 31, in Marathon
Middle Keys Concerts presents:
Soo-Yeon Ham
Winner of the Chopin Prize at the 2009
Cleveland International Piano
Competition, Tickets \$25, purchased at
the door. Performance takes place at the
San Pablo Catholic Church of Marathon,
550 122nd St. oceanside, off U.S.
Highway 1 at mile marker 53.5.
Showtime 7 p.m.
Contact: Lynda 305-743-4687

Events taken from fla-keys.com

25 Signs You May Be Drinking Too Much

1. You lose arguments with inanimate objects.
2. You have to hold onto the lawn to keep from falling off the earth.
3. Your job is interfering with your drinking.
4. Your doctor finds traces of blood in your alcohol stream.
5. Your career won't progress beyond Senator from Massachusetts.
6. The back of your head keeps getting hit by the toilet seat.
7. You sincerely believe alcohol to be the elusive 5th food group.
8. 24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case - coincidence?
9. Two hands and just one mouth... - now THAT'S a drinking problem!
10. You can focus better with one eye closed.
11. The parking lot seems to have moved while you were in the bar.
12. Your twin sons are named Barley and Hops.
13. Hey, 5 beers has just as many calories as a burger, screw dinner!
14. Mosquitoes catch a buzz after attacking you.
15. At AA meetings you begin: "Hi, my name is... uh..."
16. Your idea of cutting back is less salt.
17. The whole bar says 'Hi' when you walk in.
18. You think the Four Basic Food Groups are Caffeine, Nicotine, Alcohol, and Women.
19. Every night you're beginning to find your roommate's cat more and more attractive.
20. Roseanne looks good.
22. That stupid pink elephant followed you home again.
24. "I'm as jobber as a sudge."
25. The shrubbery's drunk from too frequent watering.

Dear Anny Bannanny New Cab Company Tries to Take Me for the Wrong Ride

Dear Anny Bannanny,
Last month I was invited to a holiday party near Harry Harris Park in Tavernier. I knew it was going to be a good time and I wanted to relax and have a few drinks without having to drive so I called a cab. There is a new taxi company that advertises \$5 for each stop so I called them. I should have known a deal like that was too good to be true!
When I called, a man answered and in his barely understandable broken English he explained that the \$5 deal was only good for rides to local bars, not to residences. And he didn't even know where Harry Harris Park was! The whole thing made me extremely uncomfortable so I hung up and called Mom's Taxi 305-852-6000. They arrived promptly and the charge from Key Largo to Harry Harris Park was only \$14. I thought your readers would like to know so that they don't get jerked around like I did.

Sincerely,
Jerker Around Sue

Dear Jerker Around Sue,
Mom's Taxi has been around for 20 years and is no fly-by-night operator - here today and gone tomorrow. Mom's has stood the test of time and is fully insured. All their drivers are experienced and know where they are going. The other guys may charge \$5 bucks for a short jaunt, but if that is \$5 per person then it is not such a good deal, now is it? Makes you wonder too if they can't converse in English very well will they accept pesos or rupees too? It sounds like the "run around" to me. If there is a car accident and they have no insurance and you get hurt, who are you going to sue, Sue? Thanks for sharing your story. I guess the bottom line is if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

Yours truly,
Anny Bannanny



All Kidding Aside

There is help if you need it...

Abuse, Alcohol
Upper Keys Alcohol Abuse Help
AlaTeen.....(305) 852-5813; 853-3080; 664-0086
Alcoholics Anonymous.....852-6186
Paradise Recovery Center, MM 87.4,
Islamorada.....852-1861
S C A T Program, Tavernier.....853-3284
Middle Keys - Marathon Alcohol Abuse Help
AlaTeen, Fri @7pm, Unity Church....(305) 240-1120
Alcoholics Anonymous.....(305) 743-3262
Lower Keys Alcohol Abuse Help
Alcoholics Anonymous.....(305) 296-7888
24 hour help line.....(800) 711-6402