

Key Largo Pirates Fest Has Something For Everyone

According to legend, the notorious pirate Black Caesar roved Florida’s coastal waters in the early 19th century. Now, some 200 years later, he returns during the fourth annual Key Largo Piratesfest from October 20th through 23rd.

The festivities kick off Thursday, October 20th with a Captain Morgan Look-Alike Pirate Plunder Party at Snapper’s Restaurant, mile marker 94.5. Enjoy special deals on grub n’grog, live music and great prizes.

On Friday, October 21st, Black Caesar will lead, floats, vehicles, motorbikes, sword swinging wenches and buccaneers in the Black Caesar’s Pirate Parade. The parade begins at 6.30pm from Coconuts Restaurant, MM100, meanders to US1 and south to MM99 where it will turn Oceanside to its final destination at the Pilot House Restaurant on Seagate Blvd. Parade participants will join other merry marauders to splice the mainbrace at the Awards Ceremony and Pirate Bash featuring live music, dancing, grub and grog ‘til the wee hours. Entry to the parade is free, details, prizes and more are on the website.

On Saturday October 22nd the festival continues at noon with a succession of events hosted at the Sundowners/Señor Frijoles and Jimmy Johnson’s Big Chill restaurants, at MM 104 bayside. Those eager to come face-to-face with the fearsome pirate, or at least his modern-day stand-in, are likely to do so, and photo opportunities abound as Caesar and his buccaneer brethren are spotted trading wares with the vendors of the Pirate Bazaar and Thieves Market. Throughout the day continuous entertainment features piratical shows, black powder demonstrations, cannons, sword-fights and interactive pirate activities for all ages.

The pirate ship Queen Anne’s Revenge II will host live music from its decks beginning at 2pm and continuing into the night. Best viewing locations are from the water’s edge at Sundowners and the Big

Chill or join other pirate boats and drop anchor in Blackwater Sound.

A Pirate Invasion (voted best historical reenactment by ‘Florida’ magazine) is expected at sunset. Black Caesar and his motley crew stage a choreographed attack from the bay armed with artillery line, canons and swords performing battles and skits on Blackwater Sound prior to landing to plunder and pillage the Keys.

Bargain hunting continues on Sunday at the Thieves Market and Pirate Bazaar and visiting scallywags can take to the high seas for an underwater treasure hunt while landlubbers can join an above-water Booty Hunt or the By-Land-Or-Sea Pirates Poker Run.

All events converge on Sunday on Sundowners beach at 4pm for the Buccaneer Bash and Costume Finale where visitors can join the rowdy revelers and wild-eyed pirates jiving to live music and imbibing the island’s best grub n’ grog. Black Caesar will award prizes in the costume contest for adult categories, Best Buccaneer and Sauciest Wench, and for under 14 years of age, Likeliest Lad and Loveliest Lassie.

So me hearties, come along and shiver yer timbers at Key Largo’s most infamous party! A complete schedule of events, festival information and entry forms can be found at www.keylargopiratesfest.com or for more information call 305-394-3736. Vendor opportunities available; call!



Costuming is fun for all ages!



Photo opportunities abound!



Wannabee wenches study costumes.



Bargaining at the Thieves Market.



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pumpkin carvafest

wednesday
october
26th

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OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25. EGO 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	26. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	27. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	28. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6 - 8:30 pm	29. Luke Sommer Glenn 1-3:30 pm Kevin Hurley 6 - 8:30pm	30. David Bowman 2-5 pm Justa Head 7-11	01. Luke & Dave 2-6 Justa Head 7-11
02. Eclipse 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	03. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	04. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	05. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6 - 8:30 pm	06. John McKinna 1-3:30pm Kevin Hurley 6 - 8:30pm	07. David Bowman 2-5 pm The REGS 7-11	08. Luke & Dave 2-6 Whipping Post 7-11
09. Gypsy Road 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	10. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	11. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	12. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6 - 8:30 pm	13. Luke Sommer Glenn 1-3:30 pm Kevin Hurley 6 - 8:30pm	14. David Bowman 2-5 pm Limerock 7-11	15. Luke & Dave 2-6 No Restrictions 7-11
16. EGO 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	17. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	18. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	19. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6 - 8:30 pm	20. John McKinna 1-3:30pm Kevin Hurley 6 - 8:30pm	21. David Bowman 2-5 pm Blackwater Sound 7-11	22. Luke & Dave 2-6 Three Doors Down Jammin' with THE REGS 7-11
23. Mr. Nice Guy 2-7 Kim Bankston during Band Breaks	24. David Bowman 1-3:30 pm Jammin' with the Steve Venini Band 6-10	25. Luke 1-3:30 pm T.J. Karaoke 6-10	26. Allen Truesdell 1-3:30 pm and Allen Truesdell 6 - 8:30 pm	27. Luke Sommer Glenn 1-3:30 pm Kevin Hurley 6 - 8:30pm	28. David Bowman 2-5 pm Colbert (the Band) 7-11	29. Luke & Dave 2-6 The Gladezmen (Swamp Night) 7-11

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1. To provide professional standards of animal care, rehabilitation and assistance to injured, sick, rescued or orphaned wild birds.
2. To educate the public about the importance of our migratory and resident wild bird populations to the Florida Keys and to the Everglades.
3. To provide a humane example for others to learn from and follow.



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