



BEE LINE



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KBCA NEWS

Last month's Welcome Back Party was a success

thanks to all of you. Check out the photos and recap in this newsletter.

December means the KCB Christmas Boat Parade on Sunday, December 11th. This very popular annual event always starts around dusk as the boats line up to make their way up and down our canals starting on 7th Street Canal. Many start parking on the Causeway much earlier in the day, as parking is allowed in the bike path for the event. So the party is on the boats and land. To make the most of the decorated boats the Saturday before it is the Sombrero Boat Parade. Check out the flyers on the next page and below with all of the info you need to enter or watch. A great beginning to the Holiday Season.

We aren't certain if Santa is coming to town or not but we will email our membership to keep them up to date on what is going on.

The Coconut Crawl is back for 2023! Our new Chair for the event Sue Thompson has great plans for the return of this fun event. It's a combination of Poker Run and Pub Crawl all to local restaurants within walking distance of the center of KCB. Of course you are always welcome to drive or ride your bikes. All the details will be in next month's Bee Line and flyers will be put up around town. Register early if you want to get the right size t-shirt.

You have to wait until February for the concerts at Sunset Park to start but our new Chair for the Concerts, Carol Fischer, has things well in hand and has arranged a great line up for us all to enjoy.

Please encourage your neighbors to join the KBCA. Without your participation we cannot have these events that make KCB that much more enjoyable during the season. Volunteer to help out, make new friends and have fun while doing it. Contact KBCA VP & Volunteer Chair Ted Fischer to find out how you can help. ted.fischer1@verizon.net or text 302-841-9812.

See ya round town!

KBCA 2022/23

Thursday, Nov. 17	Welcome Back Party & HH
Sunday, Dec. 11	Fishing & Boating Club Boat Parade
Christmas Eve	Santa Comes to Town
Saturday, Jan. 21	Coconut Crawl
Sunday, Feb. 12	Concerts in Sunset Park
Sunday, Mar. 5	66th Annual KCB Day

Season Events

The Key Colony Beach Christmas Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, December 11th starting at dusk. Last year the parade included 17 boats. We are looking forward to beating that record this year. Cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories.

Best Overall – \$1,100 sponsored by Karen Raspe, Realtor and Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Keys Real Estate, Knight and Gardner Realty

Best in Class – 30ft. and Under – \$500 sponsored by Marathon Power Squadron

Best in Class – Over 30ft. – \$500 sponsored by Marathon Power Squadron

30 ft. and Under - \$150 Gift Certificate to restaurant of Captain's choice – sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmitt, Real Estate Co. and **Over 30ft.** - sponsored by Key Colony Beach Realty, Inc. in the following categories:

Brightest and Most Colorful - Most Creative - Most Spirited

The Parade will be followed that evening with an awards ceremony at the Key Colony Inn for Captains and up to 4 crew sponsored by the KCB Fishing and Boating Club and the KCB Community Association.

Free overnight dockage is available for both the night before and the night of the parade.

There is no entry fee. To sign up, please contact Ted Fischer by email @ted.fischer1@verizon.net or text 302-841-9812.

Additional event sponsors include – TV88, UPS Store, Keys Weekly, City of Key Colony Beach

Key Colony Beach 2022 Christmas Boat Parade

Brought to you by KCB Fishing and Boating Club and KCB Community Association

Sunday December 11th @ dusk

Boats of all sizes and shapes are welcome, entry is free - open to all!

Best in Parade - \$1,100

**Karen Raspe
Realtor**



Karen Raspe

Keys Real Estate
Knight & Gardner Realty
Freewheeler Realty

Berkshire Hathaway
Home Services
Keys Real Estate
Knight Gardner Realty

Best in Class - Under 30 ft.
\$500
Marathon Power Squadron



Best in Class - Over 30 ft.
\$500
Marathon Power Squadron



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To sign up contact Ted Fischer
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or call 302-841-9812
by December 10th.



Overnight
docking on
Saturday
and Sunday
nights
available
upon
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MARATHON SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Boating The Florida Keys ...

Please join us for the 26th annual
**BOOT KEY HARBOR
CHRISTMAS
BOAT PARADE!**



**Boot Key Harbor Parade Saturday Dec 10th, 2022.
Cash & Other Prizes**

Judging and Post Parade Awards will be at **Dockside Boot Key Harbor**. Plenty of other viewing areas along the way. Parade starts in from 7-mile bridge side about 6pm and winds it's way to the east side of the harbor. ENTER YOUR BOAT.

READ MORE..... and use the online registration form to enter your boat

VISIT the Marathon Power Squadron
at www.MarathonPowerSquadron.org

Welcome Back!

Happy Hour & Dinner Party

KCBCA's Welcome Back Dinner and Happy Hour was a GREAT SUCCESS. With 112 attendees.

Great food and staff as always from KC Inn with smooth music from Johnny Live.

Beautiful table centerpieces from Jo Corso and Kandi Kellerman.

Winning 50/50 Pot of over \$350 (generously donated back to KCBCA by the winner, Richard Pflueger).

Member-Volunteers including, Doug and Judy Lipke, Barb Haag-Heithman, Toni Appel, Anita Alferes, Carol and Dave Fischer, Rich and Anne Vieth, and Annie Yunker.

Thanks to one and all. It was an incredible night.

Looking forward to our next big event – the KCB Christmas Boat Parade on December 11th!

The 2022-2023 season is underway!







KCB LADIES GOLF LEAGUE



The KCB Ladies Golf League is still accepting new members. Golf league started on Wednesday, November 30 . With a shotgun start at 8:30 AM and will continue for 15 weeks. League dues are \$20 plus weekly greens fees. Fifteen weeks of play at KCB par 3 golf course. Shotgun start every Wednesday at 8:30 AM.

To join or if you have questions, contact Cynthia Catto at ctatto@aol.com or text at 802-224-6469



KCB's loyal, hardworking Postal Employee Joe, is retiring. This Friday, December 2 will be his last day. If you have a chance, stop in and wish him well. He works hard for all of us and has always gone the extra mile to make our postal service is enjoyable and functional. He has been a great asset to the community. Good luck Joe in all of your future endeavors! We will miss you.

**KCB
Mugs, License Plates
and Other Items for
Sale in City Hall**

**It's Your Community.
Be there for it!**

**Please Renew Your
Membership Now!
Application
on the last page of this
newsletter or sign up
on our website
KCBCA.org**

**[Click for Link to
City/Community
December
Calendar of
Events](#)**



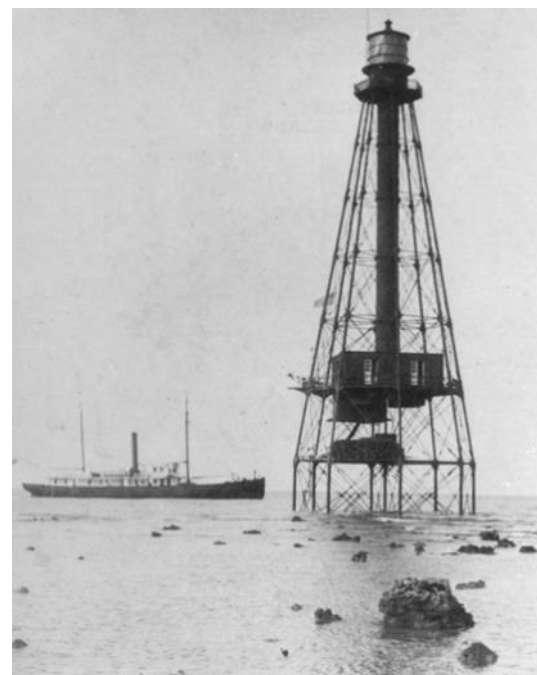
FL KEYS HISTORY with Brad Bertelli

The lighthouse located out at Sombrero Reef is called Sombrero Key Lighthouse for a reason. In J.W. Norie's "Piloting Directions for the Gulf of Florida, the Bahama Bank, & Islands" (1828), he writes, "About 5 miles S. 1/4 E. from the west end of Cayo Vacas, there is a small sandy kays on the reef, called by the Spaniards Cayo Sombrero; this is the easternmost kays on the reef."

John Lee Williams, in his early account of Florida, described the small spit of land as, "the easternmost islet on the reef. It is situated six or seven miles N.E. from Bahia Honda, and four miles S.W. from Knight's Key, the western key of the Vaccas group. It is but a patch of rock, covered with a few mangroves and pieces of wreck."

It was not the original site of the planned lighthouse. Work had initially begun at Coffins Patches Reef, but the work platform was destroyed by a hurricane on August 29, 1856. Plans for the light were reassessed and it was decided to relocate the light to its current locale nine miles to the south. The chosen area was also known as Dry Bank.

In 1857, the United States Light House Board issued a statement announcing, "The most important lighthouse structures underway in this district are the Dry Bank lighthouse ... and the first class masonry tower at Dry Tortugas." #floridakeyshistory #floridakeys #marathon #sombroreerf #sombrorekeylighthouse #lighthousehistory



2022/23



Membership Application

If you are new to KCB or have never become a member of the Association before, now is your opportunity to join and enjoy all the KCBCA has to offer. For those of you who are loyal members of the Association, please take a moment to renew your membership now so you don't miss a thing! Having all in your household join, helps the KCBCA grow and offers extra support to future programs. Annual membership is July thru June.

\$15 1st Member: _____

\$10 each additional member same household:

\$ _____ TOTAL enclosed

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Addresses: _____

The Association membership includes a newsletter, the Bee Line, which is sent via email November-April

Attach check payable to: KCB Community Association (KCBCA)
Mailing Address: PO Box 510884
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051-0884

For more information or additional applications please go to

KCBCA.org

If you are reading this, you are already a member of the KCBCA.
Why not email this application to someone who isn't a member and help support your KCBCA.
RENEW NOW for NEXT Season
Thank you.



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Any articles, photos, questions, comments are welcome. Please send them to:

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KCBCA Membership is from Oct 1-Sept 30. Annual dues are \$15 for 1st in household, \$10 each additional same mailing address.

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