

Key West - Calendar of Events

Month	Dates	Event Name	Event Description	Website
August	6	Lobster San Opens	The Regular Lobster Season is always August 6 - March 31. Begins at 12:01am on August 6 and ends at 12:00 midnight on March 31.	www.floridakeys.noaa.gov
September	14-19	Poker Run	35th Annual Key West Poker Run is sponsored by Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami, Peterson's Harley-Davidson South, Budweiser, and Coca Cola to raise money for the Key West economy and charities such as the Diabetes Research Foundation and the Key West Sunrise Rotary Club. Over 10,000 riders from all over the US participate as they ride from Miami to Key West.	www.petersonskeywestpokerun.com
October	19-20	Goombay Festival	27th Anniversary. Held in Key West's historic Bahama Village neighborhood, the lively Goombay is known for its island-style food, handmade African arts and crafts, nonstop live entertainment and dancing in the streets.	www.goombay-keywest.org
October	19-28	Fantasy Fest	29th Anniversary. "Gnomes, Toads and White Rabbit Tea Parties" is the theme for this outrageous 10-day celebration with a packed schedule of costume competitions, promenades and street fairs, and a grand parade featuring marching groups and lavish floats.	www.fantasyfest.net
November	11-Apr	Super Powerboat World Chamionship Races	27th Anniversary. High-speed powerboats continue Key West's longstanding tradition in a challenge described as the Indianapolis 500 of powerboat racing.	www.superboat.com
November	TBA	Parrot Heads in Key West	Fans of musician Jimmy Buffett are to flock to the island dubbed Margaritaville for their annual gathering.	www.phip.com
December	31	New Year's Eve Celebrations	The festivities include a "conch shell drop" at Sloppy Joe's Bar, 201 Duval St.; the descent of a 6-foot red high heel shoe carrying drag queen Sushi at the Bourbon Street Pub/New Orleans House complex, 724 Duval St.; and the descent of a pirate wench from the mast of the tall ship Liberty Clipper in the island city's Historic Seaport..	