



Schooner WOLF, Flagship of the Conch Republic & Florida Keys
Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage - PROPOSED Schedule of Events (revised 1/5/12)

San Juan, Puerto Rico	February – March 3
Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos	March 6
Myaguana, Bahamas	March 10
San Salvador	March 13
Green Turtle Cay, Abacos Bahamas	March 27
St. Augustine, Florida	April 2
Daytona Beach/Ponce de Leon Inlet, Florida	April
Melbourne/Cape Canaveral, Florida	April
Fort Pierce, Florida	April
Palm Beach, Florida	April
Fort Lauderdale, Florida	April
Key West, Florida for CRIC	April 22-30
Key Biscayne, Florida	May 4
Key West, Florida (Conch Republic Independence Celebration)	May 15
Fort Myers Beach, Florida	May 23
Port Charlotte, Florida	May
Dry Tortugas	June 23
Havana, Cuba	June 25
Bimini, Bahamas	July 1
Freeport, Grand Bahama	July 8
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The Quincentennial anniversary of Ponce de Leon's historic 1513 expedition is an important part of our country's history, and will be celebrated with a series of public ceremonies and maritime festivals, organized by such organizations as VIVA Florida 500 (Florida500info@dos.myflorida.com) and the Spain-Florida Foundation 500 Years (Spain-Florida.org).

These festivities add historical context, promote international exchanges and goodwill, and the WOLF's Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage has been carefully designed to allow the ship's participation in many of these exciting events.

Bookings & Info: 305-296-9694 or SailAway@SchoonerWOLF.com



Topsail Schooner WOLF

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Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage
2013 Ambassador Sponsorship Opportunities



Office of the Admiralty Conch Republic Navy

ADMIRAL FINBAR GITTELMAN, FIRST SEA LORD



January 4, 2012

The Admiralty of the Conch Republic Navy is planning to participate in the the Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage, scheduled for February through July 2013.

Retracing the route of Ponce de Leon's historic 1513 expedition that departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, the 6 month voyage includes stops in the Turks and Caicos, Bahamas, Florida, Dry Tortugas and Cuba.

At each port of call, the WOLF will be available to sponsors for day sails, sunset cruises, dockside tours and other nautical excursions.

The WOLF sails under the United States flag, as well as that of the Conch Republic, and is proud to also represent the state of Florida on this voyage. The Conch Republic Navy consists mainly of sail propelled privateer vessels, manned by loyal volunteers.

The history of our navy shows that all of our battles have been fought with weapons such as water balloons, Conch fritters, stale Cuban bread and Key lime pies. Thus proving, that humor is, in fact, the most effective of all weapons.

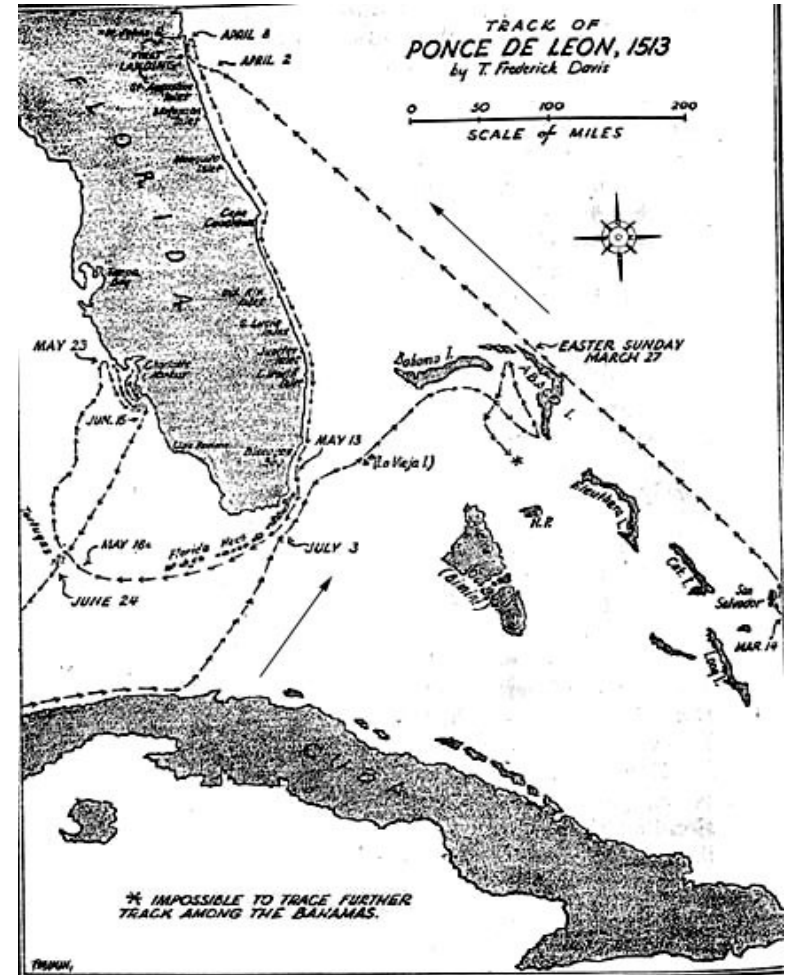
Our mission is to demonstrate to the military forces of all nations that if it becomes necessary to go to war...to defend one's honor and territory...the war can be fought in such a way that no one is harmed.

Our motto is SEMPER CUM FACITIA, SEMPER CUM RESPECTUS, which translates to Always with Humor, Always with Respect. Our slogan is A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH...DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC, FROM KEY TO SHINING KEY.

We look forward to your support of our endeavors on behalf of the Conch Republic Navy.

Respectfully,

Admiral Finbar Gittleman
First Sea Lord



Ponce de Leon's first voyage - 1513



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Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage 2013 Sponsorship Opportunities

\$75,000 WOLF Admiral Sponsorship (2 available)

- ◆ 6 Two Hour Private Charters or Dockside Receptions
*Departing from Key West (5 charters can depart one of our other predetermined ports of call)
- ◆ Your Company's Name or Logo on our Main Sail
- ◆ Your Company's Name and Logo on our Main & Fore Sail Covers
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo on WOLF Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Voyage T-shirts
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo & Website on WOLF Ponce de Leon Voyage Flyer
- ◆ Your Company's Logo on front page of SchoonerWOLF.com and PiratesInParadise.com
- ◆ Your Company's brochure, product or promotional giveaway distributed at each Port of call

\$50,000 WOLF Commodore Sponsorship

- ◆ 5 Two Hour Private Charters or Dockside Receptions
*Departing from Key West (2 charters can depart from one of our other predetermined ports of call)
- ◆ Your Company's Name or Logo on our Main Sail Cover
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo on WOLF Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Voyage T-shirts
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo & Website on WOLF Ponce de Leon Voyage Flyer
- ◆ Your Company's Logo on front page of SchoonerWOLF.com and PiratesInParadise.com
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\$20,000 WOLF Captain Sponsorship

- ◆ 3 Two Hour Private Charters or Dockside Receptions (2 departing from Key West)
*Departing from Key West (1 charter can depart from one of our other predetermined ports of call)
- ◆ Your Company's Name or Logo on our Main Sail Cover
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo on WOLF Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Voyage T-shirts
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\$10,000 WOLF Commander Sponsorship

- ◆ 2 Two Hour Private Charters or Dockside Reception (departing from Key West)
- ◆ Your Company's Name/Logo on WOLF Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Voyage T-shirts
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\$5,000 WOLF FIRST MATE Sponsorship

- ◆ 1 Two Hour Private Charter or Dockside Reception (departing from Key West)
- ◆ Your Company's Name & Website on WOLF Ponce de Leon Voyage Flyer
- ◆ Your Company's Name on SchoonerWOLF.com and PiratesInParadise.com
- ◆ Your Company's brochure, product or promotional giveaway distributed at each Port of call

\$1,000 WOLF PRIVATEER Sponsorship

- ◆ Your Company's Name & Website on WOLF Ponce de Leon Voyage Flyer
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January 2012

Avast Matey!

On behalf of the Conch Republic Flagship Schooner WOLF and Admiral Finbar, First Sea Lord, we invite you to join our 2013 Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage Voyage sponsorship crew. Your support will help assist the Conch Republic retrace the legendary route of this historic voyage made by Ponce de Leon in 1513.

The WOLF's 2013 Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage begins in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with a send off celebration on March 3. Stops include those made by Ponce de Leon, and include Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Salvador and Green Turtle Cay, Abacos, Bimini & Grand Bahama, Bahamas; St. Augustine, Daytona Beach/Ponce de Leon Inlet and Melbourne, Cape Canaveral, Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Key Biscayne, Key West, Fort Myers Beach and Port Charlotte, Florida.;and Havana, Cuba (if OK'd by both governments.)

The WOLF's 2013 Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage Sponsors are invited to join Admiral Finbar & the crew of the WOLF for these exciting nautical adventures! At each official tall ship festival, the WOLF will participate in breathtaking Parades of Sail (which draw tens of thousands of spectators) and a myriad of other VIP activities.

To promote our Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage Sponsors we set up an information & merchandise table in front of the WOLF at each festival. At each of the events, the WOLF also offers dockside tours.

We'll be happy to customize the perfect sponsorship packages to best serve your needs and invite you to help support the Conch Republic Navy.

Wishing Your Fair Winds and Following Seas!

Admiral Finbar Gittleman, First Sea Lord & Commodore Julie McEnroe, CRN



HISTORY OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC

The Conch Republic (also known as Key West and the Florida Keys) like many nations was born from trouble. The trouble started back in the dark days of March 1982, when the U.S. Federal Government placed a Border Patrol Roadblock at the Last Chance Saloon in Florida City.

A seventeen mile traffic jam immediately ensued as the Border Patrol stopped every car leaving or entering the Keys, supposedly searching for illegal drugs and aliens who might be hiding under the front seats, in glove compartments, and in trunks.

The media starting reporting on the unprecedented action of the Border Patrol in setting up a Border Roadblock within the United States, itself (after all, most everyone believed that the Florida Keys were indeed part of the United States!) As the stories of the traffic jam poured out across the nation and the world, visitors started canceling reservations to come to the Keys.

Community leaders started to gather around Mayor Dennis Wardlow to decide what to do. The very lifeblood of a budding tourism industry was threatened and Secessionist talk was bubbling up in each discussion. At the urging of David Paul Horan, the legal route was chosen as the first alternative and an injunction was filed against the government's action in Federal Court in Miami.

The court essentially refused to enjoin the US Federal Government's Border Patrol from treating the Keys like a foreign country. When the Key West delegation left the courthouse, they were met by a gaggle of the world press asking "What are you going to do, Mr. Mayor?" and Mayor Wardlow replied "We are going to go home and secede" and thus the Conch Republic was born.

On April 23rd, the Conch Republic flag was raised over city hall and the Schooner Western Union, under command of Captain John Kraus, went forth into the harbor and attacked the US Coast Guard Cutter DILIGENCE with water balloons, Conch fritters and stale Cuban bread. The DILIGENCE fought back with fire hoses and thus commenced the Great Battle of the Conch Republic. Prime Minister Wardlow surrendered and demanded foreign aid from the United States (which we are still waiting for!) The road block was quietly removed and the glorious Conch Republic was born.

***A Footnote to History**

The secession and subsequent creation of the Conch Republic should not be viewed as a revolution against the United States of America. Rather, it was quite the opposite...it was a protest against the folly of zealotry resulting in the people of the Florida Keys being literally alienated as Americans.

The United States Coast Guard, the object of the first and only act of military aggression by the Conch Republic government was never considered as a "enemy." The US Coast Guard Cutter DILIGENCE was merely a target of opportunity. Let no one ever come under the impression that the US Coast Guard has ever been considered anything other than a good friend.

The Conch Republic exists as a sovereign state of mind, which signifies our vision of the America which we are proud to be part of.

**🚢 TO ENLISTS, contact the Conch Republic Navy
by phone at 305-296-9694 or by email at Info@PiratesInParadise.com 🚢**



Topsail Schooner WOLF

Flagship of the Conch Republic & Florida Keys

Vessel History

Home ported at Safe Harbour Marina in Stock Island Key West, the **WOLF** is owned and operated by Key West Packet Lines, Inc. Designated the Flagship of the Conch Republic and the Florida Keys, the **WOLF** is patterned after the blockade runners that plied the waters of the Florida Straits, Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean in the 19th century. A Key West icon, the **WOLF** has been featured in numerous publications, films and documentaries.

The **WOLF** is known for her humanitarian *Mission of Mercy Sails* and has taken donated relief supplies to Port Antonio, Jamaica after Hurricane Gilbert (1987), Guanaja, Honduras after Hurricane Mitch (1998), Hope Town, Abaco Bahamas after Hurricane Floyd (2004) and to West End, Grand Bahama after Hurricane Ivan (2005.) In 1998, the **WOLF** transported members of the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage to Cuba on their journey of retracing that ancient route of slavery. In February 2010, the **WOLF** traveled to earthquake ravaged Haiti, carrying donated relief supplies.

Each year, the **WOLF** plays center stage for two of Key West's most unique events...the Conch Republic Independence Celebration in April and the Pirates in Paradise Festival in November/December.

The **WOLF** attends numerous seaport festivals and special events, and has participated in OpSail Miami 2000; Cayman Islands' Pirates Week Festival 2000; Tampa's 2001 Gasparilla Festival; Americas' Sail 2002 (Port Antonio, Ochos Rios and Montego Bay, Jamaica and St. Petersburg, Florida); Sail Mobile Tricentennial Celebration 2002; Cayman Islands Quincentennial 2003; the 2005 Lee Island Pirates Festival in Fort Myers, Florida; Americas' Sail 2006 in Beaufort, North Carolina and Green Turtle Cay, Abacos Bahamas 2006 & 2007 Island Roots Heritage Festival.

The **WOLF** is a classic 74' gaff rigged topsail schooner built in 1982-1983 in Panama City, Florida by Master builder Willis Ray and Finbar Gittelman, Admiral First Sea Lord of the Conch Republic. Designed by Merit Walter, the **WOLF** is a Norfolk Rover class steel hull schooner.

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Registry: United States

Year Built: 1982-83

Place Built: Panama City, FL

Master Builder: Willis Ray

Designer: Merit Walter

Length Overall: 74 ft.

Length, Deck: 63 ft.

Length, Waterline: 49 ft.

Beam: 15 ft.

Draft, Light: 6.5 ft.

Draft, Loaded: 7.5 ft.

Gross Tons: 37

Net Tons: 32

Displacement Tons: 35

Ballast: 11 tons

Cargo Capacity: 20 tons

Rig: Topsail Schooner

Sail Area: 2,500 sq. ft.

Crew: 4 to 10

Passengers: 41

Armament: 4 cannons

Speed Under Power: 8.5 knots, max.

Speed Under Sail: 12 knots

Engine: Detroit Diesel, GV53, 216 horsepower

Fuel Capacity: 350 gallons

Fresh Water Capacity: 650 gallons



History of the Conch Republic Navy

Immediately following the formation of the Conch Republic, the Conch Republic Navy was created by Captain John Kraus when his Schooner WESTERN UNION spontaneously attacked the US Coast Guard Cutter DILIGENCE with water balloons, Conch fritters and stale Cuban bread in Key West Harbor on April 23rd, 1982. The Diligence responded with her fire hoses, resulting in the Great Battle of the Conch Republic.

Captain Bill Wickers was appointed Secretary of the Conch Republic Navy and Monroe County Mayor Wilhelmina Harvey was appointed Admiral and First Sea Lord.

In November of 1984 the newly built Schooner WOLF, commanded and owned by Captain Finbar Gittelman, arrived in Key West to find that the Schooner WESTERN UNION had been sold and taken north. In April of 1985 the WOLF led the fleet in the re-enactment of the Great Battle. While celebrating the victory, Admiral Harvey commissioned the WOLF as the new flagship and appointed Finbar as Flag Captain. Several years later Finbar was promoted to Rear Admiral, Fleet Commander and Second Sea Lord.

Upon the passing of Admiral Harvey in 2005, Finbar was promoted to Admiral and First Sea Lord and Captain Reef Perkins, King of the Key West wreckers, was appointed Vice Admiral and Second Sea Lord. In 2009 Reef retired and Rear Admiral Frank Holden was promoted to Vice Admiral and Third Sea Lord. The Conch Republic Admiralty also boasts Vice Admiral Sir Peter Anderson (who also serves as Second Sea Lord & Secretary General of the Conch Republic,) Rear Admirals Marci McNamara and Bill Grosscup.

With the support of the Coast Guard Group Key West, the CR Air Force, the CR Army, the CR Coast Guard, the Office of the Secretary General and Schooner Wharf Bar, the re-enactment of the colorful Great Sea Battle is held each April in Key West Harbor (usually the last Friday of the month) in conjunction with the Annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration.

Admiral Finbar (along with Vice Admirals Holden and Anderson, and Rear Admirals McNamara and Grosscup) presides over the strategy for this "Great Sea Battle" that has brought victory to the Conch Republic each year. A true food fight at sea, the battle is fought each year against the invading Federal Ships (represented by vessels of the U.S. Coast Guard.)

Each year, after the Victory Celebration held at Schooner Wharf Bar, Admiral Finbar ceremoniously accepts surrender from the invader's Commander and then graciously invites the Federal invaders to join in the celebration of the victory!

Featured on the Discovery Channel and the Travel Channel, citizens of the Conch Republic don their battle gear for this exciting adventure at sea that pits Tall Ships against Coast Guard Cutters for the biggest & baddest sea battle held annually anywhere in the world!

Today the Conch Republic boasts the world's last all privateer, mainly sail propelled navy. In addition to the Flagships WOLF and WESTERN Union, other vessels which have served under the Conch Republic battle flag include the schooners APPLIEDORE, LIBERTY and REEF CHIEF, and the ex Navy PT 728.

The USCGC EAGLE has also been commissioned into the CRN, as has Brazil's Cisne Branco and the Captain Sinbad's MEKA II. In 2006 the ex USS/CGC MOHAWK was commissioned as Flagship of the Conch Republic Naval Reserve Fleet, brought to Key West by Captain Frans Boetes.

Military Articles of the Armed Forces of the Conch Republic

I. APPLICATION

These articles shall pertain to all bonafide members of the armed forces of the Conch Republic, including the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard and their respective Reserve Units.

II. MISSION

The mission of every member of these forces shall be to protect and defend the honor and territory of the Conch Republic against all enemies, animate or inanimate.

III. CONDUCT

Members of the armed forces shall always conduct themselves in such manner as to promote the values of our nation, which include (but are not limited to) warmth, humor and respect.

IV. RESPECT FOR AMERICA

No member of these armed forces shall commit any act or utter any words which shall show disrespect to our parent nation, the United States of America, even in times of war or when intoxicated. No flag, including that of the Conch Republic, shall be flown higher than the flag of the United States. In case a member of the Conch Republic military is also a member of the United States military, their duties to the United States military shall supersede those of the Conch Republic. No member shall wear any medal, ribbon or other decoration of the US (or other nation's) Military, unless he or she has earned those decorations in the service of that nation.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in these armed forces shall never be based on, nor influenced by, any person's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, political persuasion, religion or any other criteria and will only require loyalty to our nation and that which it stands for.

VI. SUBORDINATION

No member of these armed forces shall willfully disobey the orders of their respective officers, nor shall any officer willfully disobey the legitimate orders of their superior officers.

VII. NON-VIOLENCE

No member of these forces shall commit any act of violence or any other act which may result in harm against any other member.

VIII. APPOINTMENT

Any officer may appoint enlisted personnel. Officers may be appointed by senior officers of the rank of Captain, Colonel or above. Commanding Officers of the respective services shall be appointed by the Supreme Commander. Flag Officers may be appointed by the Commanding Officers of the respective services, with the approval of the Supreme Commander.

IX. SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

In the event of the death or incapacitation of the Commanding Officers of any branch of the service he or she shall be succeeded by their Executive Officer. Upon assuming command of any branch, the new Commanding Officer shall appoint their Executive Officer.

X. HIGH COMMAND

The Commanding Officers and Executive Officers of the various branches of the armed services shall constitute the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Supreme Commander shall serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Joint Chiefs shall appoint such Staff Officers as they deem necessary.

XI. SUCCESSION OF SUPREME COMMANDER

In the event of the death or the incapacitation of the Supreme Commander, that position shall pass to the next senior officer. In the event of any dispute concerning seniority, or any other qualification, the new Supreme Commander shall be elected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, with the approval of the Secretary General.

XII. DECLARATION OF WAR

Declarations of war may only be executed by the Prime Minister and the Secretary General. No member of the armed forces may declare war.

XIII. FIREARMS

In time of war the use of real fire arms may be required. In such cases, only BLANK ammunition may be used and such fire arms will always be aimed well above the heads of any targets. The Commanding Officer of any unit using such weapons shall personally inspect every round of ammunition.

XIV. MILITARY JUSTICE

In the event that any member of these forces commits any serious violation of these articles, or any act unbecoming to a member of these forces, he or she will be subject to court martial. The court shall consist of 5 officers, including the member's immediate superior officer and the Commanding Officer of his or her branch of service. If found guilty the court will pass appropriate sentence, which could be reprimand, orders to perform certain extra duties, orders to make restitution to any offended party or, in worst case, dismissal from the armed forces.

XV. DUELS

If any member of these forces considers themselves to be offended, insulted or dishonored by any other member, he may challenge the offending party to duel. In such case, the duel shall be fought in strict observance of Conch Republic Military tradition. The traditional weapons which may be used are limited to water guns, water balloons, Conch fritters, stale Cuban bread and Key Lime pie. The duel will be fought at a minimum and maximum distance of 5 paces and shall be witnessed by at least 3 members of the armed forces. The witnesses shall declare the winner of the duel, after which both parties shall publicly forgive each other for any transgressions, real or imaginary, thus concluding the affair while satisfying the honor of everyone concerned.

✍️ THESE ARTICLES WERE RATIFIED AT A MEETING
OF THE JOINT CHIEF OF STAFFS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2008 ✍️

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**SAIL AWAY ABOARD THE
FLAGSHIP OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC**

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CONCH REPUBLIC FLAGSHIP WOLF

2013 Ponce de Leon Quincentennial Armada Voyage Sponsorship Form

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CONTACT: _____

TITLE: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

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