

the schooner WOLF

UPDATE: The WOLF has returned to Key West and her home port at Safe Harbour Marine.

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

Home ported at Key West's Safe Harbor Marina on Stock Island, the vessel is owned and operated by Key West Packet Lines, Inc. Designated the Flagship of the Conch Republic and the City of Key West, 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.

U.S.C.G. certified for 44 passengers for day sails, 20 passengers coast wise and six passengers for international voyages, the WOLF has a cargo capacity of 20 tons and provides an ideal setting for dockside receptions, day sails and sunset cruises.

The WOLF has been operating in Key West for twenty-six years and has come to symbolize the essence of that "island spirit" which draws visitors from all parts of the world. The WOLF often serves as lead vessel in local harbor parades and traditional events, including Key West's annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration's Great Sea Battle in April and the Pirates in Paradise Festival which runs Thanksgiving weekend through the first weekend of December.

Over the years, the WOLF has attended numerous seaport festivals, including Hampton, Virginia's 1985 Harborfest; 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; Fort Myers, Florida's 2005 Lee Island Pirates Festival; Green Turtle Cay, Abaco Bahamas 2006 and 2007 Island Roots Heritage Festivals; Beaufort, North Carolina's 2006 Pepsi Americas' Sail; and the Oceans Institutes' 2007 World Oceans Conference in St. Pete, Florida. In March 2011 the WOLF will attend Port Antonio's Errol Flynn Festival in Portland, Jamaica.

Key West's own Pirate Ship, the WOLF continues to sail the seven seas representing Key West and the Conch Republic, and is available for private charters, and is available for pirate themed, traditional tall ship and military weddings at sea, dockside receptions and nautical excursions. Home ported at Safe Harbour in downtown Stock Island (Key West) the WOLF is available for charters in Key West, South Florida, Southwest Florida, Bahamas, Jamaica and other ports in the Caribbean and US.

With Finbar at the helm, the WOLF has sailed extensively the waters of the Bahamas, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Known for her humanitarian Missions of Mercy, the WOLF has delivered hundreds of tons of donated relief supplies to small island communities, including Port Antonio, Jamaica after Hurricane Gilbert; Guanaja, Honduras after Hurricane Mitch; Hope Town, Abacos, Bahamas after Hurricane Floyd; to West End, Grand Bahama after Hurricanes



Jeanne & Ivan and to La Gonave, Haiti after their recent devastating earthquake. In 1998, the WOLF also carried 40 members of The Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage to Cuba, helping them continue their historic journey of retracing the slavery route that brought to our shores human cargo from Africa. In February 2010, the WOLF led the Conch Republic Navy Mission of Mercy Sail, taking donated relief supplies to earthquake ravaged Haiti.

The WOLF has been showcased in many films and documentaries, and is often featured in island paintings and promotional materials. The WOLF is also a media favorite and has been showcased in numerous films and documentaries (including shows on the Discovery Channel, PBS, Travel Channel, BBC, History Channel and Fine Living Network, Food Channel.

Specializing in Pirate Sails and Invasions, the WOLF and her scurvy crew stand ready to delight one and all with their sing-along sea chanteys, swashbuckling sword play, salty sea stories and fearsome black powder weaponry. WOLF crew can also be dressed in Conch Republic Navy attire (dress whites or casual) and – as Admiral Finbar is always seeking to expand his military forces – we can arrange for a Conch Republic Navy Commissioning Ceremony upon request.

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