

THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS SWIM AROUND KEY WEST

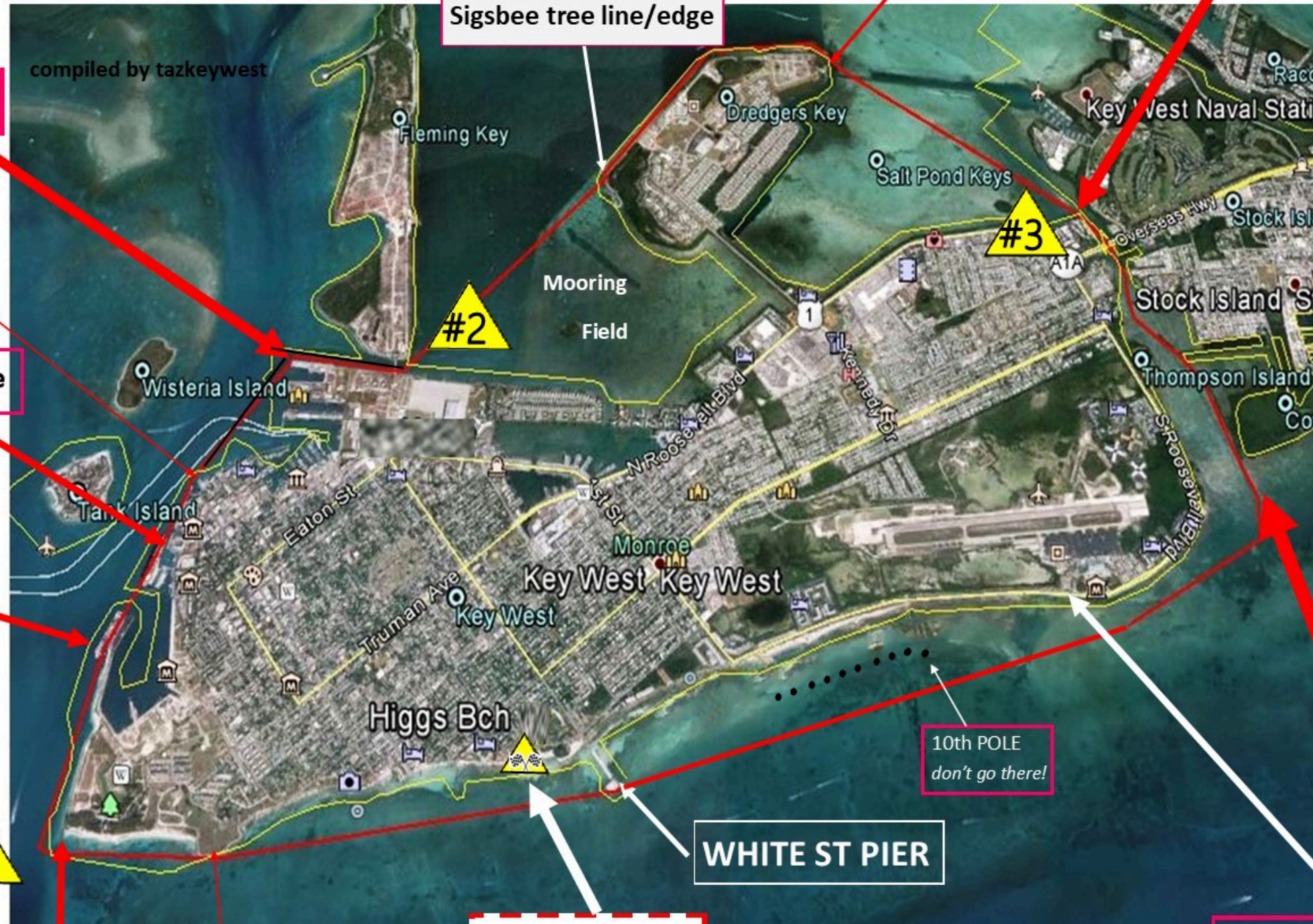


HIGGS BEACH START & FINISH



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SWIM AROUND Key West HIGGS BEACH Start



CG Pier #3

Hyatt

Mallory Square

Mole pier

= check point

Last Jetty Ft Zac

Sat Dishes "big golf ball"

Sigsbee tree line/edge

#2

START / FINISH
start at yellow triangle
finish at orange buoy at the beach

WHITE ST PIER

Sigsbee Tower
10K SWIM FINISH

Square Roof—Cow
Key Channel entrance
CHK Pt # 3

#3

10th POLE
don't go there!



FOLLOW CHANNEL PAST THE SHALLOWS THEN TURN toward MARTELLO BRICK BLDG

Martello BRICK FORT & Key West Airport

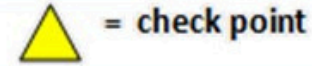
10 K FINISHES PARALLEL TO SIGSBEE/DREDGERS KEY TOWER
CHECK IN WITH COMMITTEE BOAT

HIGGS Bch Start/Finish



START in line with Reynolds St Pier,
HIGGS BEACH

- To Sat Dishes/"Golf Ball"—edge of rocks
- To last jetty of Ft Zac **CHK IN # 1**



- Follow sea wall to Mallory Square

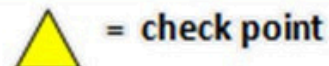
-Sight buildings until Hyatt

-Cut KW Bight (don't go in to KW bight)

-Sight short Radar tower on 3rd (last Coast Guard pier)

-Follow seawall then thru middle of Flemming Cut

CHK IN #2



- Sight End of Tree Line at Sigsbee

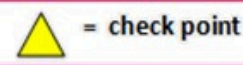
***through the Mooring Field**

- To the edge of Sigsbee

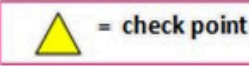
- Follow "sea wall" Around the bend

→ (*10 K FINISH LINE near Sigsbee tower*)

—From Tower at Sigsbee **HEAD TO COW KEY CHANNEL** *sight the edge of **TALL BLDGS OF KEY WEST & look for Yellow Triangle**



-As you get closer to Cow Ch sight Square Roof on far side of channel in mangroves *see pic



CHK in #3 COW KEY CHANNEL

- go under bridge **FOLLOW THE CHANNEL OUT** past

★ ******Dead Man's Curve—do NOT go close to the wall /edge of Key West/Deadman's Curve it is TOO SHALLOW—INSTEAD, FOLLOW the CHANNEL to deeper water SEE MAP*****

★ **HEAD TOWARD THE WHITE ST PIER—you will see it when you make the final turn around Dead Mans Curve**

—DO NOT GO TO THE 10 Poles of Smather's Bch

GO TO THE Southernmost end of the WHITE STREET PIER

Head toward Higgs Beach sighting **ORANGE BUOY**

- **FINISH:**

SWIMMER TOUCHES THE ORANGE BUOY AT HIGGS BEACH and is acknowledged by Race Officials



SQUADRON ROOF



**HIGGS BEACH
Start / Finish**

updated 2024

**10 K
FINISHES PARALLEL TO
SIGSBEE/DREDGERS KEY
TOWER
CHECK IN WITH COMMITTEE
BOAT**



HIGGS BEACH START

Swimmers & support vessels

line up at **YELLOW** triangle buoy

Caution: go around submerged old pier



RACE OFFICIAL on the **REYNOLDS ST. PIER** WILL START YOU OFF



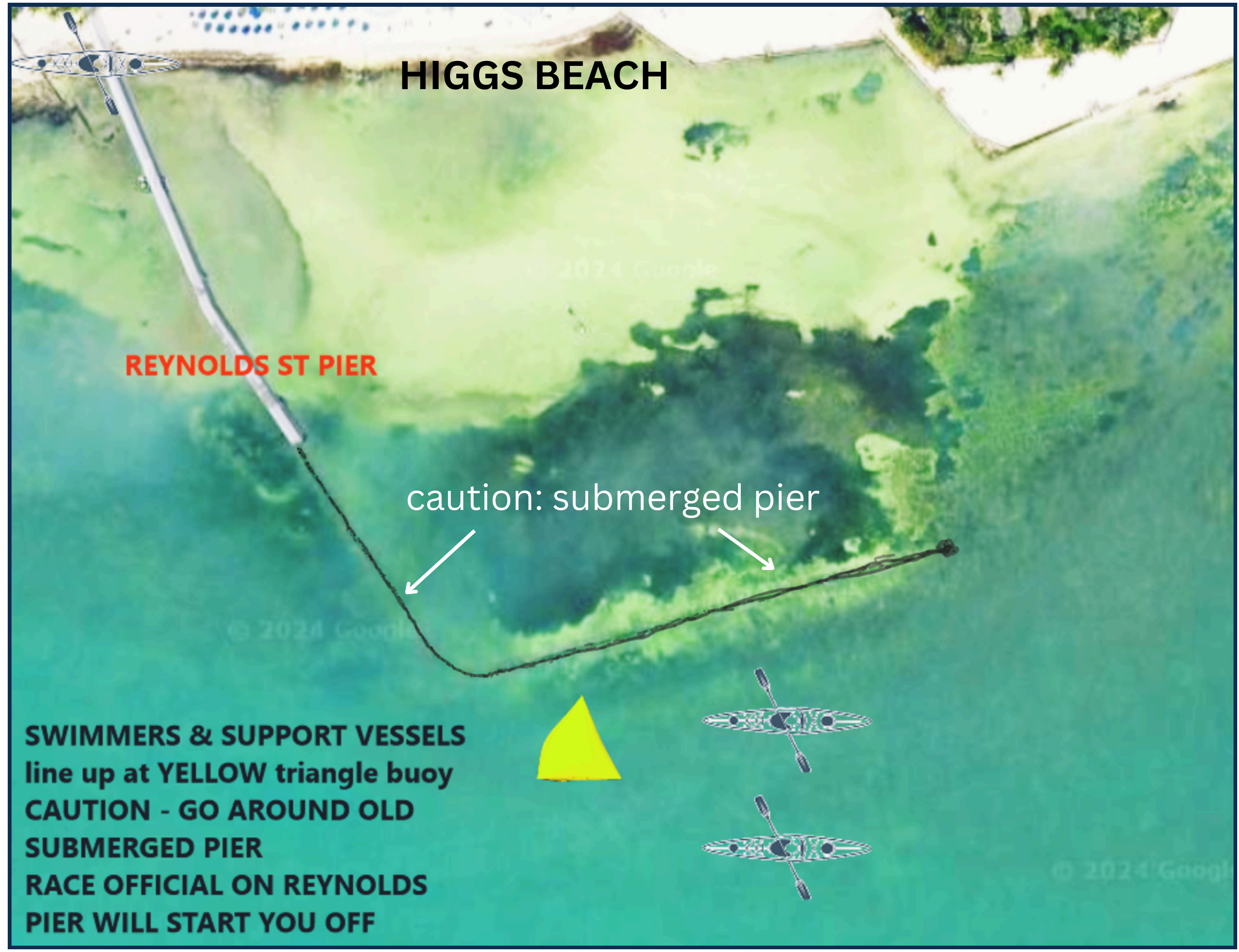
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HIGGS BEACH

REYNOLDS ST PIER

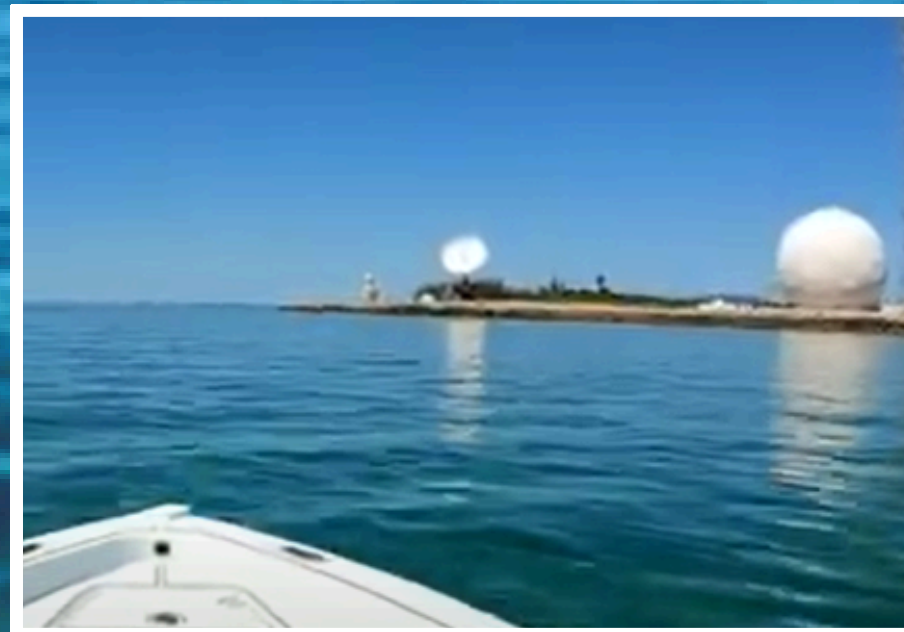
caution: submerged pier

**SWIMMERS & SUPPORT VESSELS
line up at YELLOW triangle buoy
CAUTION - GO AROUND OLD
SUBMERGED PIER
RACE OFFICIAL ON REYNOLDS
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Head toward the
WHITE GOLF BALL
(1st jetty of Ft Zac Taylor)





Swim past the last
jetty and make a
HARD RIGHT
into Key West Harbor
& head toward Ship Docks

Ft Zac Taylor
State Park



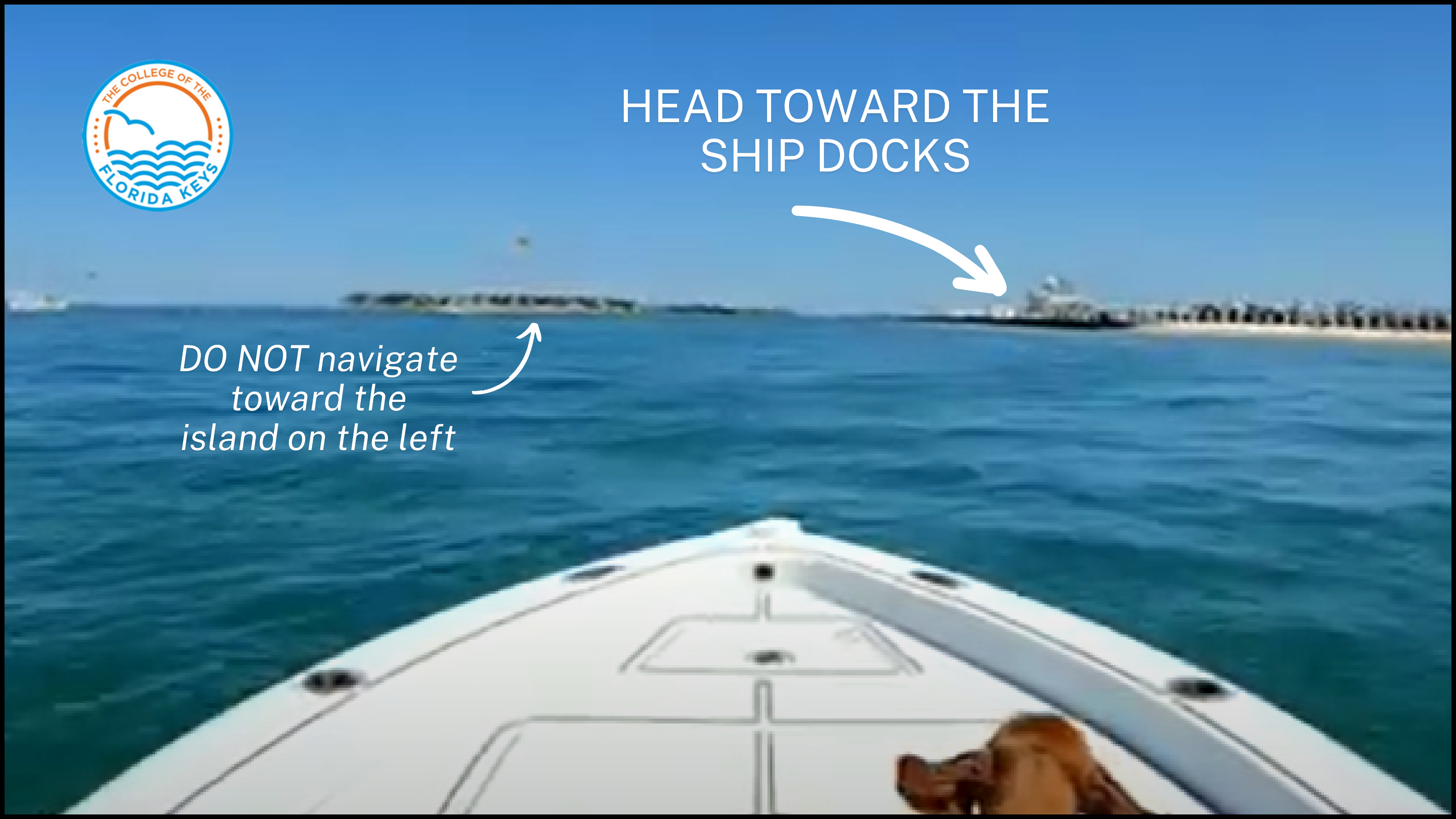
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CHECK IN
with **COMMITTEE**
BOAT



HEAD TOWARD THE
SHIP DOCKS



*DO NOT navigate
toward the
island on the left*





Navigate close
to
Mallory
Square

Sunset Key
(don't go there)



After Mallory Square
head toward
**the Coast Guard
Docks**



hyatt &
pier house



US Coast Guard
Station Key West





Swim around 3rd
(last) pier of
COAST GUARD
STATION KEY WEST
in to Fleming Cut





FLEMING CUT BRIDGE

go through the center



2
CHECK IN
with COMMITTEE
BOAT

COAST GUARD
STATION
KEY WEST





Swim through the
MOORING FIELD &
HEAD to the EDGE
of TREE LINE on
Sigsbee/Dredgers
Key

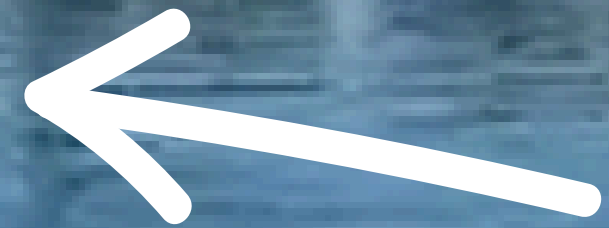




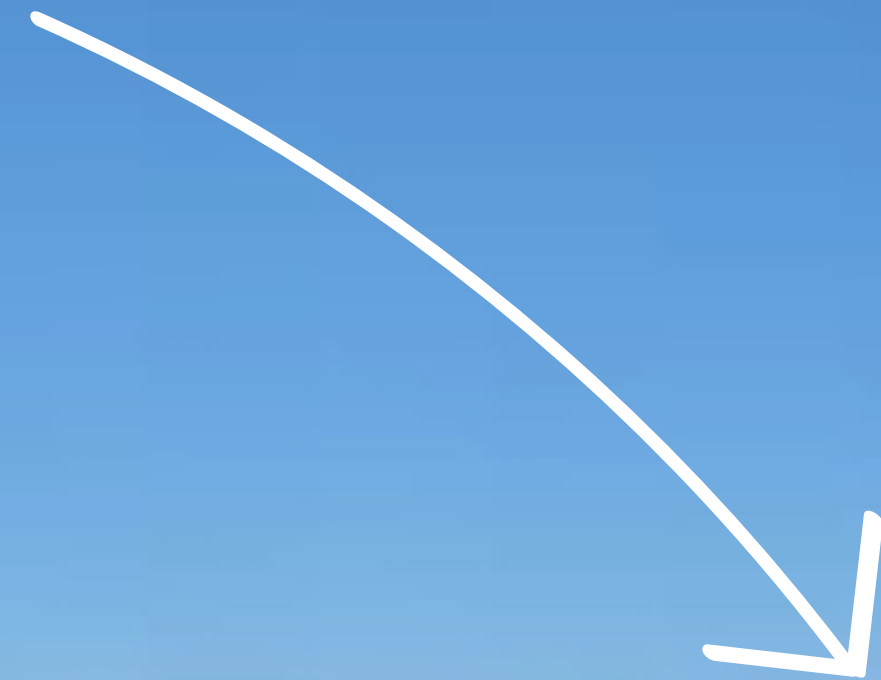
Swim parrallel to
Sigsbee/Dredgers Key & make a
right at the Tower



10K
Swim Finish
HERE



After rounding Sigsbee
HEAD TOWARD KW
HOTELS ON RIGHT &
SMALL ROOF of Power
Squadron ON LEFT OF
COW KEY CHANNEL



THIS IS COW KEY
CHANNEL



Go through the
center or
COW KEY CHANNEL
BRIDGE WATCH
YOUR CLEARANCE!

COW KEY CHANNEL
and **BRIDGE**
CLEARANCE 9 ft at
mean high tide !!



#3
CHECK IN
with OFFICIAL AT THE
BRIDGE



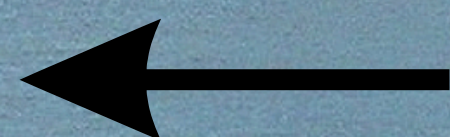
COW KEY CHANNEL
HEAD TO THE LEFT
SIDE OF THE
CHANNEL AWAY
FROM KW





**FOLLOW COW KEY
CHANNEL
NEAR the MANGROVES,
AWAY FROM & PAST Key
West OUT to DEEPER
WATER**

**SANDBAR IS VERY BIG
AND VERY SHALLOW**



stay in the channel next to the mangroves



**STAY OFF THE SEA
WALL
AND MARTELLO
TOWER/AIRPORT**

**HEAD DIRECTLY TO
WHITE STREET PIER**





the **ORANGE
BUOY**
FINISH LINE
is **HERE !!!**
AT HIGGS BEACH

GO AROUND THE EDGE
OF WHITE ST PIER





the **ORANGE BUOY**
FINISH LINE
is **HERE !!!**

Congratulations !

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