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Key West is a slice of charming

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Driving the 125 miles down Hwy 1 through the Keys to Key West is a slice of charming, old Florida. Few fast food atrocities, few chain hotels (exactly seven until you reach Key West). Wide expanse of ocean as far as the eye can see, way out East, way out West. Sub-tropical late afternoon clouds, swirling with threatening storms. The rain thunders down for all of 30 seconds and then sweeps away within the next 30. Conch chowder at every turn in the road.

I stopped in Key Largo to visit Captain Scotty, shark expedition captain who will be on our mission. Next stop with a kayak specialist who will custom-design some rigging on boats for us, to better carry the Shark Shields deeper than we've been doing. Next to visit Gary Hall, Sr., the great Olympic sprinter, such a wonderful motivator to me throughout this journey. And then dinner in Marathon Key with the owners of the most important vessel on our expedition, the escort boat that travels right next to me.

By the way, two of the boat's owners, Katie and Jeff Davis, happen to manage a private island named Seabird Key, right off Marathon. 10 acres with a multiple-bedroom house and a boat, owned by a couple who traveled down to the Keys in 1982 and had a fantasy about owning their own private island. Well, Seabird Key is a little swatch of paradise. Many honeymooners, birthday celebrators, getaway seekers have found a week or two of magic there. Even my old friend Martina Navratilova once sequestered there for a week to get her tennis groove mind back on.

Check it out: <http://seabirdkey.com>. The Keys in general one of the few oceanside areas of the United States that have remained largely untouched. Sweet.



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- @janetober Don't let anything stand in the way of your dreams- courage is never stopping!! about 21 hours ago from HootSuitein reply to JanetOber
- @slatefree1 I'm happy to have followers! The next adventure is whatever jumps out at me next in life. about 21 hours ago from HootSuitein reply to Slatefree1
- @mezzoring I couldn't agree more, we need to lean to preserve the earth and all of the creatures that come with it!

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