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I'm sending this to registered riders.

Key West

I've had a third hotel in Key West respond to my request for group rates; the Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites. I will add the information to the website, but in a nutshell, it's a similar arrangement to the Crowne Plaza and Sunrise Suites – you call them to make a booking and we'll facilitate finding a room-mate if you are looking for one. This is a brand-new hotel that is due to open in February.

We have 25 rooms blocked at each of these hotels. They have different rates, different cut-offs for reservations to get the group rate and different cancellation policies. Most of this information is on the Sunshine 1200k website. You should call the hotel directly for the cancellation policy since they vary depending on when you make your reservation.

The Sunrise Suites is probably the best for someone looking to share with a stranger, since you have separate bedrooms. The Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites has a slightly better room rate than the other two. The Crowne Plaza is the closest to the starting point at less than one mile whereas the other two are 3-4 miles.

That's it for Key West. We're well covered with three hotels.

Fort Myers Beach

You book the Fort Myers Beach hotel through the Sunshine 1200k registration website, not by calling the hotel. I'll be posting a link shortly on the Sunshine 1200k website so that you can go back in and add this hotel, ferry, balance of registration etc. **Remember that the rate for this hotel is based on dual occupancy.** You have to book quantity=2 if you do not want to share the room with another rider, i.e. single occupancy or if you have a non-riding traveling companion. Quantity = 1 is for one-half of a room, i.e. one bed.

When do I need to do something ?

You do have time to make these bookings but the number of rooms available to us is limited at the Key West hotels.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

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