



Join us as a support kayaker!

We are currently looking for paddlers to accompany swimmers for the [36th Annual Swim Around Key West](#) on **June 23**. As a support kayaker, you will receive a guaranteed honorarium of **\$100 for your service**. This amount has been prepaid by the swimmers and will be distributed to you after the completion of the event. If you provide your own kayak, you will receive **an additional \$40**. We will have kayaks available (at no charge) for those who do not have access to a kayak.

Your commitment includes attending the **pre-race registration and meeting on June 22 at 6 p.m.** at the Lexington Hotel in Key West. You must be at Smathers Beach on the morning of **June 23 by 9 a.m.** The majority of swimmers complete the race in 5-7 hours.

Your job will require you to provide much needed support to the athlete in any way necessary. You will be his/her only contact for the entire 12.5-mile swim. You will carry his/her food and drink and any additional gear needed. The swimmer is not allowed, at any time, to stand up or even hang on to your kayak. Many of the athletes have trained all year for this momentous event, and they come from all around the U.S. and even overseas. They are a great group of people and you will have a lot of fun being a part of the event. You will finish tired and inspired!

We are expecting a record number of swimmers this year. The solo division has reached its capacity at **85 swimmers**. We have an additional 75-95 swimmers who will compete in relay teams of two or three people.

If you are able to make the commitment now, [please complete the online form](#) as soon as possible. You will be paired with your swimmer in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Leigh, Kayak Coordinator, at 773-502-5087 or KLeigh5087@aol.com.

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