

## Dave Thompson

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**From:** Dave Thompson [thompsw@pobox.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 26, 2014 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** Sunshine 1200k Registration - update

This email is being sent to those on the “interested list”.

Please read this carefully as we’ve had to change our approach with respect to Key West hotel bookings. The good news is that some of the booking urgency has eased.

- Reminder, Registration opens December 1, 12:01 a.m. There will be a link on the Sunshine 1200k website to the registration system.
- Our interested list is currently at 182 people and we have 75 rider slots and 60 bicycle transport slots. In addition we can transport a few bicycles on the ferry and on bike racks.
- If we sell out, you will be able to join a waitlist. The waitlist button will be beside the registration button on the registration website. There is a good chance that we’ll be able to offer you a slot once we process all the registrations and/or later as some riders need to cancel.
- We were hoping to lock up enough rooms in Key West at reasonable prices by starting registration early and paying in advance but blocks of rooms have disappeared in the last few days. It seems that people are planning weddings. Rooms are available for individual bookings everywhere but many hotels are reluctant to commit to groups without multi-day minimum stay requirements and one of the hotels has changed management. There was never any real discount for groups, this arrangement was more for your convenience.
- We have 25 rooms at group rates at each of two hotels in Key West and a discounted rate with a third. The hotel information will be listed on the Sunshine 1200k website. We will simply collect your interest in a shared room and put people in touch with one another. Reservations and payment will be between you and the hotel, vs group pay.
- In the registration field “Fort Myers Beach/Key West Hotel Partner” enter something like “Share Key West” if you want us to find you a room-mate for Key West; “none” if you are not; a name if you already have pairing arranged and want us to match registrations.
- We need to collect Full Legal Name for the Key West Express ferry. It enters International Waters and for Homeland Security purposes, Government ID is required (eg. Drivers License or Passport) and the names must match. If they don’t match you may be denied boarding. My name, for example, isn’t Dave Thompson or David Thompson, it’s William David Thompson, per my drivers license.
- After you select the items that you want to purchase at this time, checkout takes you to a waiver page where you’ll check off that: you understand that you must sign a waiver; you’ve read the route description; you qualify for the ride (check with me if in doubt); you understand the refund policy and you agree to abide by RUSA rules for riders.
- Payment is by Visa or MasterCard.

As always, let me know if you have any questions. Consult the website for the latest information. Happy Thanksgiving to all the U.S. riders !

Dave Thompson.