

Towers, beacons, buoys, spindles, and all other aids to navigation, arranged in regular order as they are passed by vessels entering from sea, to mark the Northwest Channel into Key West Harbor from the Gulf.

Name of station or locality of aid.	Color of aid.	Number, if a buoy.	Description of mark or aid.	Bearings of prominent objects from buoy, spindle, or beacon, by compass.	Depth at low water of spring tides, in feet of buoy.	General remarks, sailing directions, and other information necessary or useful to mariners.
Outer Buoy, (entrance.)	Perpendicular stripes.	2d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, S. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE.	21	This buoy will be kept in mid-channel, to lead to the Northwest Passage bar and entrance.
Outer Bar Buoy.	Perpendicular stripes.	3d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, S. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE. 4 E.	12	This buoy is in the outer bar, and should be passed close-to on either side.
Turning Point Buoy.	Red.	2d class min.		Northwest Passage light-house, S. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE. 4 E.	12	This buoy marks the turning-point in the channel, and should be left on the starboard hand, but close to.
NORTHWEST CHANNEL LIGHT-HOUSE.	Dark.		Iron screw-pile light-house, placed on the flats; to mark the entrance and channel of the bar leading to the Northwest Passage.		4	Foundation dark, dwelling and lantern white; height above sea level 10 feet; fixed white light of the 5th order, in 24° 37' 01" north latitude, and 81° 51' 01" west longitude.
Mid-channel Buoy.	Perpendicular stripes.	3d class min.		Northwest Passage light-house, W. 4 N. Sand Key light-house, S. 4 E. Key West light-house, S. SE. 4 E.	22	In mid-channel, midway between Turning Point buoy, (red, No. 2) and Middle Ground buoy, (black, No. 1.)
Middle Ground Buoy, (east end.)	Black.	1 3d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, W. by N. 4 N. Key West light-house, SE. 4 E.	12	This buoy is near the northern and western end of the Middle Ground, with the best channel to the starboard of it.
Middle Ground Buoy, (west end.)	Black.	3 3d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, NW. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE. 4 E.	12	This buoy is placed a little to the northward and eastward of a 9-foot spot, and must be left on the port hand.
Mid-channel Buoy.	Perpendicular stripes.	3d class min.		Key West light-house, SE. by E. 4 E. Sand Key light-house, S. by W. 4 W.	27	This buoy is in mid-channel, between Middle Ground and Cudfish Key shoal.
Kingfish Buoy.	Shoal Black.	7 3d class min.		Sand Key light-house, S. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, E. 4 S. Northwest Passage light-house, NW. 4 W.	18	This buoy marks the eastern edge of Kingfish shoal, and the west side of the channel, leading to the Gulf, and from the Gulf by the Northwest channel.
South end of Middle Ground Buoy.	Black.	9 3d class can.		Key West light-house, E. 4 N. Northwest Passage light-house, NW. 4 W. Sand Key light-house, SW. by S. 4 S.	18	This buoy is near an 18-foot spot with main channel to the eastward of it.
Inner Middle Ground Buoy.	Black.	11 3d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, NW. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE. by E. 4 E. Sand Key light-house, S. SW. 4 W.	18	This buoy marks the northwest side of the harbor at the 18-foot corner.
South end of Frankfort Bank Buoy.	Black.	14 3d class can.		Northwest Passage light-house, NW. by W. 4 W. Key West light-house, SE. by E. 4 E. Sand Key light-house, S. SW. 4 W.	18	This buoy marks the southern end of the Frankfort Bank, at the 18-foot corner.

Entering from the Gulf, to mark the entrance by the North Channel into Key West Harbor.

Entrance Buoy, (mid-channel.)	Perpendicular stripes.	1st class can.	Sand Key light-house, E. SE. by E. 4 E. Northwest Passage light-house, N. by E. 4 E.	1	Pass this buoy close to on either hand, and steer E. by N. 4 N. until the Middle Ground buoy is passed, and leaving all buoys of the West channel on the starboard hand, until up with West Cudfish Key buoy, (No. 5, black) which leave on the port hand, and then follow the inner harbor list. Having passed West Channel buoy, (No. 8,) a N.E. by N. 4 N. course, and clearing Whitehead Spit buoy (No. 6, red) of the main channel, will lead into the inner harbor, between the buoys, red and black, according to the directions.
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