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(L to R) Joe Zukowski, Tommy Violante and Eddie Gerosa of Key West Trio with Loretta Lynn

Key West Trio to perform one more time this year

Key West Trio will close the season at Trader Vic's Bar, at Champlin's Marina and Resort, over the Labor Day Weekend, with performances dockside and inside Trader's.

Described by Brad Davis, a rock and roll historian and DJ, as "three guys that sound like a 12-piece band," KWT performs the best of Jimmy Buffett, the Beach Boys, selected Oldies and some originals.

Tommy Violante (vocals and keyboard), Joe Zukowski (vocals and drums) and Eddie Gerosa (vocals and guitars) have been in the music business since the '60s, when they were members of The Shags, who were honored in 1995 with a plaque commemorating their contributions to rock and roll by St. Bernadette Church Music Hall of Fame. (For you post-Baby Boomers, that's where The Five Satins recorded the favorite oldie "In the Still of the Nite.") Gerosa also performed with the Roadrunners.

KWT entertained thousands in the Parrot head Party Tent prior to Jimmy Buffett's Meadows concerts in Hartford. They also opened for Loretta Lynn at the Durham (CT) Fair, and Dion and Gene Pitney at Oakdale

Theatre (Wallingford CT). In the past, they've opened for The Byrds, Lovin' Spoonful, The Rascals, Paul Revere and the Raiders, Chad and Jeremy, Chubby Checker, Peter and Gordon, Leslie Gore, The Shirelles, Simon and Garfunkel, The Beau Brummels and The Critters in venues including The Big E, Woolsey Hall at Yale, Kennedy Stadium, New Haven Arena, Yale University, Dartmouth College and the Bushnell Auditorium in Hartford.

They also raise money for the Conn. Food Bank and the Alzheimer's Association during performances by auctioning off various exclusive clothing, hats and other items donated by their sponsor, Margaritaville Tequila. Buffett's father, J.D. Buffett, is afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, as well as one of Violante's uncles.

KWT has appeared on Block Island at Champlin's, Ballards and The Spring House, at weddings and boat rendezvous on the island and on Nantucket as well. Their CDs "Cruisin' The Island" and "We're On Island Time" are available at all performances.