

Please Join Us

We are pleased to announce the 28th Edition of North America's premiere winter regatta – *Quantum Key West Race Week 2015*.

Every January racing sailors from across the country and around the world gather to compete against the very best during the day and enjoy that which is uniquely Key West at night. What better way to kick off your racing calendar in 2015!

Those of you who been with us in recent years have experienced some terrific racing, with weather and competition that delighted everyone. We fully expect that Key West's warm temperatures, dependable breezes and stunning blue water will be awaiting us once again. The quality of the competition at this renowned regatta is always superb. The opportunity to race with pros, amateurs, friends and families provides challenges and fun for all.

One Design and handicap fleets featuring the latest designs and technology will come together for championship caliber competition conducted by Premiere Racing's highly regarded race management team. As always at Key West Race Week, the 2015 edition will feature some exciting class racing and innovations. Selected classes may sail other than windward/leeward courses such as the 'Harry-A' or 'Gold Cup' to add some variety to the week.

A sincere thank you goes out to our Sponsors and Industry Partners. Their support and participation plays a very significant role in our ability to bring you this world class event. A special thank you goes out to the *Quantum Sail Design Group* for returning in the capacity of title sponsor. We are grateful for the continued support of the *Florida Keys Tourism Council*, *Mount Gay Rum*, *Lewmar/Navtec*, *B&G*, and *Marlow Ropes*. We are very pleased to welcome *Gaastra* onboard this year as well. Premiere Racing's *Industry Partner Program* features an all-star line-up of sailing industry leaders. Please be sure to keep all of these participating companies on your list of preferred vendors.

If you've raced with us in past years, we hope to see you again. If you are new to Key West, we look forward to introducing you to all that has made Key West Race Week the celebrated regatta that it is. We encourage you to check the event web site at *Premiere-Racing.com* throughout the lead up to *Quantum Key West Race Week 2015* for updates on racing news and logistics.

Please know that your Premiere Racing team will do everything possible to ensure that your experience in Key West is a memorable one.

Sincerely yours,

Peter S. Craig

Peter S. Craig,
Event Director & Race Chairman





QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK 2015

JANUARY 18 – 23, 2015

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 is an international regatta. This event will be organized and conducted by Premiere Racing, Inc., which will have the authority to reject or rescind the entry of any boat before the start of the first race. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes at the discretion of the race committee. Part 1 of this notice deals with general administrative information and Part 2 with the Rules and Conditions of race week.

PART 1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1 EVENT MANAGEMENT

Address all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

Premiere Racing, Inc.
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Marblehead, MA 01945 USA

Tel: (781) 639-9545
Fax: (781) 639-9171
Email: kwinfo@premiere-racing.com
Web: www.premiere-racing.com

Event Director & Race Chairman: Peter S. Craig
Event Manager: Kelly Gorman

2 RACE WEEK UPDATES

Periodic updates and the very latest information on the regatta can be found on the event pages on Premiere Racing's website: Premiere-Racing.com, Yachtscoring.com and on Facebook.

3 PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

For information on how to campaign your boat in Key West on a reasonable budget, refer to the Logistics section on the event website. Guidance and information on expense containment and dealing with logistical challenges will be updated throughout the summer and fall.

4 QUANTUM RACE HEADQUARTERS

Race headquarters, the jury rooms, media center and evening party venue will be located at and adjacent to Kelly's Caribbean at the intersection of Caroline and Whitehead Streets in Old Town Key West.

5 SLIPS/DOCKING

Key West and Stock Island have multiple, viable options for dockage. Boat owners are responsible for arranging their own dock space. Many private marinas do not accept early reservations; however, this does not reflect on the availability of slips during race week. Information regarding Key West and Stock Island marinas and boat launching options can be found on the event website.

Truman Waterfront Property (TWP)

Managed by Premiere Racing during the event. Large basin with no draft constraints. Not a private marina with standard marina amenities. Advance registration is required. Space to tie up along inside seawall (no individual slips or floating docks). Large ramp for launching, hauling and dry sailing. Trailer and container storage available. Application available on the event website.

Crane operations and other services (mast stepping, launch-haul by crane) to be provided by Coffin Marine, an independent mobile marina administered by Premiere Racing (see paragraph 6).

Boats may be staged at TWP from January 2-29, 2015. Coffin Marine services are available from January 12-26, 2015.

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6 MOBILE MARINA SERVICES

At Truman Waterfront Property

Coffin Marine will be providing mobile marina services for the seventh consecutive year. (Crane Launch-Haul / Mast Step / Container load/offload). Coffin Marine will provide a 30 ton crane for launch operation and will add an additional 40 ton crane for hauling. Premiere Racing will be administering the Coffin Marina Services in the lead up to race week. Detailed information on services and costs are available and posted on the event website. Any questions should be directed to Premiere Racing (contact information in paragraph 5).

7 BOAT CHARTER

Entrants looking to charter boats for the event are advised to contact individual classes regarding availability and class requirements. A list will be posted on the Charter section on the event website. Individuals desiring a charter or offering their boat for charter can submit information for posting at no charge.

Email: kelly@premiere-racing.com

8 BOAT TRANSPORT – FLORIDA KEYS

Florida Department of Transportation contact information and basic requirements regarding road transport are posted and updated routinely in the Logistics section on the event website. For more information about permit requirements and applications, entrants are advised to apply through the FDOT web site: www.dot.state.fl.us or contact the Florida DOT Permit office at (850) 410-5777 and to ask for a ‘Trip Technician.’

U.S. and overseas transport services are posted in the Logistics section on the event website.

9 ACCOMMODATIONS

For information regarding crew accommodations contact The Accommodation Center, which is a no-fee service working in cooperation with the race week organizers to provide accommodations for competitors, sponsors and spectators. Open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm EST and Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm EST.

Accommodation Center

Toll free: (877) 546-5824

Office: (305) 296-4887

Fax: (305) 294-7356

Email: info@accommodationskeywest.com

Web: www.accommodationskeywest.com

Premiere Racing would like to acknowledge and thank the Key West Inns and Hotels that support race week. Please patronize those that support Race Week and visit the Accommodations section (on page 19) and on the event website for additional information on these establishments.

10 EVENT NAME AND LOGO

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta’s official name - *Quantum Key West Race Week 2015*. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Premiere Racing. Any use of the event logo on merchandise or gear is prohibited.

11 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS’ RIGHTS

Competitors and crew members give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representation of their boats in any media world-wide (being television, print, video footage, and internet media) for purposes of press information, reporting, promoting, disseminating information or advertising.

12 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Premiere Racing for wiring instructions.

PART 2 RULES AND CONDITIONS

1 MANAGEMENT

Premiere Racing is the organizing authority for Quantum Key West Race Week 2015, the 28th annual race week at Key West.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), the 2014 IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C, the PHRF Rules and Regulations, the current High Performance Rule, and the 2015 Key West Safety Requirements.
- 2.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except its prescriptions to RRS 67 (Damages), 76.1, (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) and Appendix R (Procedures for Appeals and Requests) which are included in their entirety on the event web site as an appendix to the sailing instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 The first sentence of RRS 49.2 is deleted and replaced with: “Lifelines shall comply with the deflection requirements of OSR Regulation 3.14.2 and competitors shall not position any part of their torsos outside them, except briefly to perform a necessary task.”

The third sentence of RRS 49.2 is deleted and replaced with: “If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, they shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations*. If HMPE lifelines are fitted they shall have a minimum diameter of 5 mm (3/16 inches) unless otherwise specified by class rules.”

- 2.4 Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is bio-degradable), will be in effect. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that this practice breaks Florida law.
- 2.5 Class rules I.1 (spare gennaker) and I.3 (support boats) are invoked for the J/70 class.

3 OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 3.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least four persons, except the J/70, J/80 and Melges 24 classes, which shall be sailed by at least three persons.
- 3.3 J/70 and Melges 24 skippers and crews shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 3.4 Crew weigh-ins are required for any one-design and handicap classes whose rules specify crew weigh-ins. A list of classes requiring crew weigh-ins will be posted on the event website and updated as the classes confirm their intentions.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Boats that intend to display advertising must so indicate on their entry form, but there is no advertising fee. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the official sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.
- 4.2 All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 is open to boats in the One-Design Classes listed in NOR 5.4 and IRC, HP, and PHRF handicapped monohull boats, with LOA between 24 and 85 feet between hull perpendiculars which submit a completed entry (taking into account eligibility restrictions outlined in NOR Sections 5 and 6). The preliminary scratch sheet will be posted on the event website on or before December 30, 2014.
- 5.2 Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 is open to those boats whose owner or skipper is a current member of their national authority (US Sailing for U.S. entries; to join call 1-800-877-2451).

- 5.3** The entry deadline is 1700, December 19, 2014. A completed entry (form or online), a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by Premiere Racing by the deadline to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after December 30, 2014 without an additional surcharge. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after entry receipt.
- 5.4** The following one-design classes are invited to participate: Farr 280, J/70, J/80, J/105, Melges 32, Melges 24, and Swan 42. At the discretion of the Race Chairman, additional one-design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level, with a minimum of eight entries, will be provided a separate class start or scored as a separate sub-class within their class based on the number of entries and established classes. Any one-design multihull class considering participating should contact the organizer as soon as practical.
- 5.5** Boats racing under the following rating and handicap rules are invited to participate: IRC, PHRF and High Performance Rule. Information regarding eligibility requirements for these rules and Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 can be found in NOR Section 6.
- 5.6** Each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall execute a waiver of liability and media release / crew waiver. This form will be available on the event web site and on site at Quantum Race headquarters.

6 RATING AND HANDICAP CLASS ELIGIBILITY, RULES, MEASUREMENT

6.1 IRC

- 6.1.1** The IRC Rating Authority has directed that the 2014 IRC Rules shall apply and that the validity of the 2014 IRC certificates is extended for the purpose of the Quantum Key West Race Week 2015.
- 6.1.2** IRC entries should have a minimum TCC of 0.970. It is the intent of the event organizer to offer separate IRC starts and scoring for a Mini Maxi and a 52 class. Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2014 valid 'endorsed' IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the December 19, 2014 deadline. IRC rating applications and information on time constraints for submitting a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application for US flagged boats can be obtained through US Sailing (401-683-0800 or IRC@ussailing.org). Boats from other nations should consult their IRC Rule Authority (see www.ircrating.org).
- 6.1.3** Rating changes may be submitted to IRC Rule Authorities after the December 19 certificate deadline; however, the final deadline for providing a changed IRC rating certificate to the event organizer will be January 9, 2015. Except in the case of rating office error or (at the discretion of the IRC Rating Authority) other errors, which change the TCC, no IRC rating certificate will be accepted by the event organizer after January 9. In exceptional circumstances, and only at the discretion of event organizer, the January 9 deadline can be extended. Entrants are responsible for determining time constraints for processing certificates and any expedited processing fees from the appropriate IRC Rule Authority and/or the IRC Rating Authority.
- 6.1.4** IRC crew number and limitations (IRC Rule 22.4): For IRC classes, the maximum total number of crew shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's IRC certificate. This modifies IRC Rule 22.4.2.
- 6.1.5** For all IRC classes, IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced with: During the regatta, the sails on board (including mainsails) may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including multiple-race days and cases of damage to sails. The "race day" begins when the race boat leaves the dock each morning.
- 6.1.6** The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.

6.2 PHRF

6.2.1 The event organizer will offer PHRF racing based on specific handicap ranges if critical mass is achieved for these specific ranges. The preliminary handicap ranges are listed below along with typical boat models that could race in these classes. The event organizer reserves the right to adjust these ranges and boat types based on entries. A minimum of eight boats is necessary to establish a PHRF class. PHRF owners are asked to pre-register as early as possible to help others gauge the level of interest in PHRF racing.

PHRF 1: (-10 to 35) Farr 395 / J/125 / J/111 / J/122 / IMS 40's / 1D35 / Beneteau 47.7 / Tripp 40 / Farr 11s

PHRF 2: (35 to 76) Beneteau 40.7 / J/120 / Andrews 38 / Sydney 36 / Aerodyne 38 / C&C 115 / J/109

PHRF 3: (76 to 106) Soverel 33 / Evelyn 32 / Olson 30 / Cape Fear 38 / Hobie 33 / C&C 37 / 40WK / J/88

PHRF 4: (106 to 175) Cal 40 / S2 9.1 / J/30 / Frers 33 / J/24 / S2 7.9

6.2.2 The Key West PHRF Rules and Regulations, which include PHRF crew weight limitations, are posted on the event web site. Premiere Racing's Key West PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF handicaps for this event. The Consortium will be comprised of approximately six members from different PHRF regions across the country. Any questions pertaining to PHRF issues should be referred to Premiere Racing and not to the individual members of the Consortium.

6.2.3 Entrants who competed in Key West in 2013 and/or 2014 and whose boats will be in the identical configuration do not need to submit the full handicap application. They must instead submit the renewal application and all current PHRF handicap certificates. All other PHRF entrants must submit a completed PHRF handicap application and all current PHRF handicap certificates prior to the December 19, 2014 entry deadline. After that date a late fee of US\$100 must accompany the PHRF application. Current local certificate(s) are required from all PHRF entries for measurement verification only. Assigned handicaps may differ from local handicaps and from previous Key West handicaps in the case of a renewal application. A Key West PHRF certificate will be sent to entrants after the Consortium has assigned a handicap and all certificates will be posted on the event web site. PHRF entrants should not wait for their Key West handicap certificate before submitting their entry.

6.2.4 PHRF handicapping and appeal procedures will be posted on the event website.

6.2.5 PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the Key West PHRF Consortium using time on time scoring.

6.3 J/BOATS HANDICAP CLASS

The event organizer reserves the right to provide a separate J/Boats handicap class should there be sufficient entries within reasonable performance ranges. A minimum of eight boats is necessary to establish a J/Boats class. Any J/Boats class will have maximum crew weight limits listed in the event PHRF Rules and Regulations with a special Consortium assigning handicaps for this event using time on time scoring.

6.4 HIGH PERFORMANCE CLASS

6.4.1 There will be a High Performance handicap class offered for light displacement boats with LOA ranging from approximately 26-45 feet and an approximate PHRF handicap range of -10 to -70. Typical boat models for this class would include the Carkeek 40, Carkeek 45, Farr 400, GP26, GP42, J/145, J/125, McConaghy 38, R/P 45 and Soto 40 among others.

6.4.2 The High Performance handicap class will race under the High Performance Rule (HPR). The latest version of the HPR Rule and Rule Calculator used for ratings can be found at the HPR website at www.hprsailing.org.

6.4.3 Weight Limits and Handicapping Procedures

6.4.3.1 Crew weight limits are declared by each team and will be listed on each entry's HPR certificate.

6.4.3.2 All rating information for HPR class entries shall be submitted to the HPR Rule authority (US Sailing) by January 9, 2015 so that official certificates may be issued prior to the event. The current HPR rule calculator is v4h1. The rule version may evolve further and if so will be updated on the HPR website.

6.4.3.3 Only HPR Valid certificates will be accepted for entry in this class.

6.4.4 The High Performance handicap class will be scored using handicaps provided by the HPR using time on time scoring.

7 FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fee, based on class, is delineated below.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
J/70	\$750	PHRF 4	\$800
Melges 24	\$800	PHRF 3	\$900
J/80	\$800	PHRF 2	\$1,000
Farr 280	\$900	PHRF 1	\$1,100
J/105	\$900	IRC 3	\$1,500
Melges 32	\$1,050	High Performance	\$1,650
Swan 42	\$1,500	52 Class (IRC 2)	\$3,000
		Mini Maxi Class (IRC 1)	\$3,500

8 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 16

1300-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In / Bow Stickers & Numbers Available for Pre-Registration Pick Up

Saturday, January 17

0900-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In / Bow Stickers & Numbers Available for Pre-Registration Pick Up

Sunday, January 18

0800-0900 Filing of PHRF Handicap Appeals

0900-1200 PHRF Handicap Appeal Hearings

0900-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In

0900-1700 Registration / Check-in

1630-1730 Panel Discussion

1730-1745 Skippers' Meeting

1745-1930 Welcoming Reception

Monday-Friday, January 19 - 23

1015 Harbor Start

1130-1600 Racing

1730-1930 Shoreside Activities, Prize Giving & Evening Party

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or about January 2, 2015 on the event web site and at Quantum Race Headquarters beginning on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

10 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

10.1 It is anticipated that there will be three separate racing areas, one for each division. As entries and class splits are not known this far in advance, it is not possible to assign definitive racing areas in advance for all one-design and handicapped classes. The preliminary class assignments will be posted on the event web site on or about November 1, 2014.

10.2 In addition to windward/leeward courses, selected PHRF, handicap and one-design classes may sail courses with one or more reaching legs ('Harry-A' or 'Gold Cup' type courses). In the event PHRF classes are offered reaching courses, a separate handicap number may be assigned.

11 SCORING

11.1 Ten races are scheduled of which three must be completed to constitute a series. A maximum of three races may be held on any race day. Any one-design class seeking more or less than ten races for their series must notify the event organizer no later than October 31, 2014.

11.2 For the Melges 32, and Melges 24 classes, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 90.3(b) if at least six races are completed. For all other classes, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

When an international jury is constituted in accordance with RRS 70.5, 91(b) and Appendix N its decisions are final. Decisions of a national jury are subject to appeal.

13 ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 or rule 31 of the RRS, a short arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

14 RESPONSIBILITY

14.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

14.2 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race.

14.3 Premiere Racing and participating sponsors and industry partners of Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this event.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Regatta class awards will be presented to first, second and third place boats each day.

15.2 Overall series awards based on the cumulative scores for the event will be awarded to first, second and third place boats in each class after the final race.

15.3 For classes with fewer than eight entries, daily and series awards for first and second place boats will be awarded.

15.4 SPECIALTY TROPHIES

15.4.1 The following one design classes have designated Quantum Key West Race Week 2015 as their Midwinter Championship: J/70, J/105, Melges 24, Melges 32.

15.4.2 Special awards recognizing sportsmanship and contributions to the sport of sailing may be presented at the Skippers' Meeting.

15.4.3 A Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer.

15.4.4 The prestigious Quantum Boat of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of Key West Race Week.

16 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Premiere Racing reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice made prior to January 17, 2015 will be posted on the event web site. All amendments will be posted on the official notice board and copies will be available at Quantum Race Headquarters.

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