

Official Notice and Conditions of Race

January 17- 21, 2011 • Key West, Florida USA



Key West 2011 is an international regatta that will provide both individual and team competition. 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:

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Event Director & Race Chairman: Peter S. Craig

2 RACE WEEK WEB SITE

Periodic updates and the very latest information on the regatta can be found on the event pages on Premiere Racing's web site: www.Premiere-Racing.com

3 MORE AFFORDABLE KEY WEST

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

4 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.

Historic Seaport Marina

Tel: 305-809-3983
Fax: 305-293-8369
Email: totto@keywestcity.com

Official Marina located in the "Key West Bight", this city-owned facility features slips, dock space and rafting. Application available on the event web site.

Additional Marinas

Information regarding additional Key West and Stock Island marinas and boat launching options can be found on the event web site.

Truman Waterfront Property

Managed by Premiere Racing during the event with crane operations and other services (mast stepping, launch-haul, turn key services) to be provided by Coffin Marine Services.

Dock Space (Inner Seawall) / Ramp Launch and Dry Sailing / Trailer-Container Storage

Premiere Racing
Tel: 781-639-9545
Fax: 781-639-9171
Email: KWInfo@Premiere-Racing.com
Large basin with no draft constraints. Not a private marina with standard marina amenities.
Facility is available from January 3-22, 2011. 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 storage available. Application available on the event web site.

6 MOBILE MARINA SERVICES

At Truman Waterfront Property

Crane Launch-Haul / Mast Step / Turn Key Services
Coffin Marine Services
Tel: 305-872-8863
Fax: 305-872-5613
Email: Coffinjohn@aol.com
Pricing details and application available on the event web site.

7 BOAT CHARTER

Entrants looking to charter boats for the event are advised to contact individual classes regarding availability and class requirements. Below is a partial list and updates will be posted on the Charter section on the event web site:

J/80 – J/World Annapolis

Call: 800-966-2038
Email: Jeff.Jordan@jworldannapolis.com

Melges 24 and 32

Melges Performance Sailboats
Call 262-275-1110 or Melges.com
Classified postings on Melges24.com and Melges32.com

Farr 40 – Staggy Yachts

Call: 410-268-1001
Email: Tink.Chambers@staggyyachts.com
Class web sites Farr40.org

Private charter listings are posted in the Charter section on the event web site. Individuals desiring a charter or offering their boat for charter can submit information for posting at no charge. Email: Jeanne@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 web site. For more information about permit requirements and applications, entrants are advised to 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 web site.

9 ACCOMMODATIONS

For information regarding crew accommodations contact The Accommodation Center. The Accommodation Center 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-6:00pm EST and Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm EST.

Toll free: 877-546-5824

Office: 305-296-4887

Fax: 305-294-7356

Email: info@accommodationskeywest.com

Web: 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 the event web site for additional information on these establishments.

10 TRANSPORTATION

Available group discounts for air transportation or vehicle rentals are posted on the Planning and Budgeting section on the event web site.

11 EVENT NAME

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name — Key West 2011. Any commercial video of the event, including web site productions, must be licensed by Premiere Racing.

12 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.

13 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Premiere Racing for wiring instructions.

Part 2 Rules and Conditions

1 MANAGEMENT

Premiere Racing is the Organizing Authority for Key West 2011, the 24th annual race week at Key West.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), the 2010 IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C, the PHRF Rules and Regulations as adopted and amended by the Key West PHRF Consortium, the 2011 Key West Safety Requirements, the 2011 Key West Multihull Rules and Regulations and Multihull Safety Requirements (the latter three to be posted on the event web site on or about August 15, 2010).

2.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING will not apply except its prescriptions to rules 68 (Damages), 76.1, (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors), and Appendix F (Procedures for Appeals and Requests), and its prescription at rule 76.3 (Exclusion of Boats or Competitors), 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.

3 OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

3.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

3.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least 4 persons except the J/80, Melges 24 and Multihull classes, which shall be sailed by at least 3 persons. Multihulls shall declare the number of crew at registration and shall sail with that same number of crew for the duration of the event.

3.3 Melges 24 and Multihull skippers and crews shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while racing.

3.4 Crew weigh-ins are required for the Farr 30, Farr 40, J/105, J/80, Melges 24, and Melges 32 classes and any other One Design classes whose rules specify crew weigh-ins.

3.5 IRC crew number and limitations (IRC Rule 22.4.3): For IRC classes, the maximum total number of crew shall not exceed the Crew Number printed on the boat's IRC certificate.

3.6 The Key West PHRF Rules and Regulations, which include PHRF crew weight limitations, are posted on the event web site (note that maximum crew weight limits on page 4 are 180 pounds less this year). Premiere Racing's Key West PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF handicaps for this event. The Consortium will be comprised of approximately 8 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.

3.7 The Key West Multihull Rules and Regulations are posted on the event web site. Premiere Racing will establish a Multihull Handicapping Consortium to assign handicaps for this event. Any questions pertaining to Multihull issues should be referred to Premiere Racing and not to individual members of the Consortium.

3.8 For the J/105 class, Key West 2011 is a Level A, national class event. All boats must comply with the Supplemental Rules and Registration Procedures posted on the J/105 Class website (www.j105.org) by December 17, 2010.

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 Key West 2011 is open to One Design, PHRF, and IRC monohull boats, 24-85 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars, and Multihulls (as described in NOR 5.7) that submit a completed entry.

5.2 Key West 2011 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 17, 2010. A completed entry (form or online), a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by Premiere Racing by December 17, 2010 to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after December 30, 2010 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: Corsair 28R, Corsair Sprint 750, Farr 40, Farr 30, J/105, J/80, Melges 32, Melges 24, RC 44 and Swan 42. At the discretion of the Race Chairman, additional one design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level will be provided a separate class start or scored as a separate sub-class within their class based on the number of entries and the event classes that are established.

5.5 PHRF entries must have a PHRF handicap of 175 or less. Entrants who competed in Key West 2010 and/or 2009 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 17, 2010 entry deadline. After that date a late fee of US\$100 must accompany the PHRF application. Current local certificate(s) are required of 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. PHRF entrants should not wait for their Key West handicap certificate before submitting their entry.

5.6 IRC entries must have a minimum TCC of 0.970.

Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2010 valid "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the December 17, 2010 deadline. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800 or IRC@ussailing.org). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact www.ircrating.org.

5.7 There will be two multihull starts offered. Invited multihulls for Class 1 will include the F25C, F31, R-33 and other boats with similar or faster speed potential, approved by the Event Organizer. Invited multihulls for Class 2 will include the Corsair 28R, Sprint 750, F-27 and other boats with similar speed potential. Preliminary handicap ranges for Class 1 and Class 2 will be posted on the event website prior to August 15, 2010. Multihull designs with 5 or more entries will be eligible for one design sub class trophies within the handicap classes. All multihull entrants must submit a completed handicap application and all current handicap certificates prior to the December 17, 2010 entry deadline. Current local certificate(s) are required for measurement verification only. Assigned Time on Time handicaps may differ from local handicaps. A Key West Multihull certificate will be sent to entrants after the Consortium has assigned a handicap. Multihull entrants should not wait for their Key West handicap certificate before submitting their entry.

5.8 International Team Competition

5.8.1 Key West 2011 will feature an International Team Competition. The competition will be based upon cumulative scoring of national/regional teams composed of three boats competing in three separate classes, provided there are sufficient entries in each class. The participating classes may be selected from the Farr 40, Melges 32 and Melges 24 classes. Based upon final entries, the participating classes may be changed at the discretion of the Race Chairman. Each country/region may enter as many as three teams of boats. Teams may be nominated from geographically recognized regions such as Europe or the Pacific Rim when there are not sufficient boats from a single country represented to constitute a three-boat team. Team nominations should be received in writing no later than December 10, 2010. Team applications are available by contacting Premiere Racing or on the event web site.

5.8.2 If a three boat team cannot be created from one country or region, two of the three boats on each team may hail from or be chartered by representatives from the country or region represented. At least 30% of the crew members from those two boats should be nationals or legal residents of that country or region.

5.9 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 Race Headquarters.

6 FEES

6.1 The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fee, based on LOA, is delineated below. A \$100 discount will be applied to those entries received on or before October 1, 2010.

LOA	Entry Fee	Early Entry Discount
24'	\$725	\$625
25' - 29'	\$775	\$675
30' - 34'	\$850	\$750
35' - 39'	\$950	\$850
40' - 44'	\$1,150	\$1,050
45' - 49'	\$1,300	\$1,200
50' - 54'	\$1,600	\$1,500
55' +	\$1,900	\$1,800

A boat's LOA is to be rounded to the lower whole number (i.e. 29.01' = 29' and 29.99' = 29') for the purpose of determining entry fees.

6.2 A Race Week Access Card will be required for each person participating in any of the event's shoreside activities. The card provides access to the race week reception area for six evenings. Shoreside activities will include trophy presentations, beverages, raffle prizes, Sponsor exhibits, panel discussions, snacks, race video, and music. Access Cards, which are optional, are \$65 on site, but \$45 if purchased in advance (representing a 30% discount) Price includes Florida sales tax. One Owner Access Card will be included with each paid entry.

7 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 16

0800-0900 Filing of PHRF Handicap Appeals
0900-1200 PHRF Handicap Appeal Hearings
0900-1800 One Design Crew Weigh-In
0900-1700 Registration
1600-1700 Presentation / Panel Discussion
1700-1730 Skippers' Meeting
1800-2000 Welcoming Reception

Monday-Friday, January 17 - 21

0900 Harbor Start
1030-1630 Racing
1700-1800 Shoreside Activities and Briefings
1800-2000 Prize Giving and Evening Party

8 MEASUREMENT, APPEALS AND CLASSES

8.1 The preliminary scratch sheet will be available on or before December 30, 2010 on the event web site.

PHRF Weight Limits

For all PHRF entries, boats will be rated within the following Base Crew Weight Limitations. Crew weigh-in is not required for PHRF entries, but PHRF Crew Weight Limitations may be subject to protest. Boats shall sail with the same crew in all races, unless crew change is approved by the Race Chairman. Any request for changes in crew or crew numbers must be submitted to the Race Office in writing prior to the race in which the change is to take place. In addition, boats may carry up to two additional crewmembers above their designated crew weight limitation provided they accept a handicap 'adjustment' as prescribed below. Entrants intending to carry additional crewmembers must so indicate on their PHRF handicap application. The PHRF handicap will be adjusted accordingly and the adjusted handicap will stand for the series.

Note: Crew Weight maximums are 180 pounds less than in previous years and the 29' and 31' LOA break points were previously 30' and 32' respectively.

Up to LOA (ft)	Base Weight Limit (lbs)	Approximate Crew Number
25.00	720	4
27.00	900	5
29.00	1,080	6
31.00	1,260	7
34.00	1,440	8
37.00	1,620	9
40.00	1,800	10
43.00	1,980	11
45.00	2,160	12
50.00	2,340	13
53+	Additional 180 pounds (approximately 1 crew) for each 3 feet of LOA over 50 feet	

A boat's LOA is to be rounded to the nearest foot. For example, a 25.49 foot boat is rounded to 25 feet LOA and is allowed a base crew weight of 720 pounds. A 25.5 foot boat is rounded to 26 feet LOA and is allowed a base crew weight of 900 pounds.

Rating adjustment for each additional 180 pounds or part thereof (based on rounded length as described above):

24.00-36.00'	3 sec/mile
37.00-49.00'	2 sec/mile
50.00+	1 sec/mile

(No more than 360 extra pounds of crew weight (approximately 2 additional crew) may be carried)

8.2 PHRF

8.2.1 Best efforts will be made to have the preliminary PHRF class breaks with the PHRF handicap for each entry posted on the event web site by December 30, 2010. Additionally, they will be posted on-site at Race Headquarters no later than 1800 on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

8.2.2 Premiere Racing will appoint a Special PHRF Handicapping Appeals Committee. Those owners who wish to appeal their handicap or the handicap of a competitor must pay an administrative fee of US\$150 for each handicap they are appealing and submit their appeal in writing to Premiere Racing no later than Tuesday January 4, 2011. Checks should be payable to Premiere Racing, Inc. If the appeal is denied, this fee will be donated to race week's official charity, Shake-A-Leg Miami. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be returned to the appellant. Appeals should be filed only if there is new and relevant information that the Consortium was unaware of at the time the handicap was assigned. Any questions pertaining to PHRF handicaps should be referred to Premiere Racing and not to the individual members of the PHRF Consortium or Appeals Committee.

8.2.3 No appeals will be accepted on-site except those dealing with administrative or certificate errors, On-site appeals must be submitted at Race Headquarters between 0800-0900 Sunday, January 16, 2011. Both appellant and owner/representative of the boat whose rating is being appealed (if applicable) must be at Race Headquarters at 0900 for the appeal hearing. The appellant is responsible for notifying the owner of the boat whose rating is being appealed (if applicable). Appeal forms are available by contacting Premiere Racing.

8.3 IRC

8.3.1 The IRC Rating Authority has directed that the 2010 IRC Rules shall apply and that the validity of the 2010 IRC certificates is extended for the purpose of the Key West 2011.

8.3.2 Owners must provide an "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate. To insure receipt of an endorsed certificate by the December 17 deadline, US flagged boats are to submit a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application to IRC@ussailing.org prior to December 10, 2010. Boats from other nations should consult their IRC Rule Authority as shown on www.ircrating.org.

8.3.3 Rating changes should be submitted to US SAILING (or for non-U.S. boats to their appropriate IRC Rule Authority) prior to 1700 (EST) Friday January 7, 2011. Requests submitted to a Rule Authority after 1700 (EST) Monday January 3 will be subject to Expedited Processing fees. Acceptance of changes submitted after that date require the approval of the RORC Rating Office. Except in the case of Rating Office error or (at the discretion of the RORC Rating Office) other errors which change the TCC, no IRC rating change will be accepted after January 13, 2011.

8.3.4 For the 'IRC Big Boat Class' (or Classes) only, IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced. For reference purposes, the minimum TCC in 2010 for the Big Boat Class was 1.365 (TCC for Key West 2011 to be determined following the entry deadline, December 17, 2010).

8.3.5 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.

8.4 Multihull Racing

Best efforts will be made to have the Multihull class breaks

with the Time on Time handicap for each entry posted on the event web site by December 30, 2010. Additionally, they will be posted on-site at Race Headquarters no later than 1800 on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or about January 3, 2011 on the event web site and at Race Headquarters beginning on Saturday, January 15, 2011.

10 RACING AREAS

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 PHRF, IRC and One Design boats. The preliminary class assignments will be posted on the event web site on or about November 1, 2010.

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.

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 rule 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. No scores will be excluded.

11.3 PHRF Classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the Key West PHRF Consortium with the actual course distances used.

11.4 The IRC Classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.

11.5 The Multihull Class will be scored using handicaps provided by the Key West Multihull Consortium with a Time on Distance (TOD) to Time on Time (TOT) conversion formula of the format: $TOT = 650 / (B + TOD)$ with the B denominator for each class based on the average handicap speed range of the class. The final conversion formula to be posted on the event website prior to December 30, 2010.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

12.1 When an international jury is constituted in accordance with rules 70.5, 91(b) and Appendix N its decisions are final.

12.2 Decisions of a national jury are subject to appeal.

13 ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing 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 Key West 2011 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 7 entries, daily and series awards for first and second place boats will be awarded.

15.4 Specialty Trophies:

15.4.1 Boats competing in IRC classes will be eligible for 2011 IRC Midwinter Championship awards.

15.4.2 Boats competing in PHRF classes will be eligible for 2011 PHRF Midwinter Championship awards.

15.4.3 The following one design classes have designated Key West 2011 their Midwinter Championship: Farr 30; J/105; J/80; Melges 24; Melges 32.

15.4.4 The Paul Washburn Sportsmanship award will be presented at the Skippers' Meeting.

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

15.4.6 The International Team Trophy will be awarded to the first place team at the final awards ceremony.

15.4.7 The 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 7, 2011 will be posted on the event web site. All amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.

Official Sponsors

Premiere Racing is pleased to present race week's Official Sponsors. They deserve special recognition and great thanks for their role in bringing you a world-class event. We encourage all participants and sailing enthusiasts to keep race week Sponsors on their lists of preferred companies and vendors. For more information and links to these companies, please visit www.Premiere-Racing.com

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