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The IRC Gulf Stream Series 2007

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Put the IRC Gulf Stream Series events on your racing calendar for 2007

The 2nd Annual US-IRC Gulf Stream Series invites the best yachts racing in the world to compete again for individual and team trophies. Racing includes events on the east coast of America, Florida, mid-Atlantic, New England, Halifax and in the Caribbean in a series of prominent events organized by many of the finest racing clubs in the world.



Nick Lykiardopulo's Ker 55 *Aera* won the inaugural Gulf Stream Series. Lykiardopulo is a member of the Storm Trysail Club and the Royal Ocean Racing Club. *Aera*'s Captain, Jez Fanstone, accepted the Gulf Stream Trophy from Sir John Vereker, Governor of Bermuda, at the Centennial Bermuda Race prizegiving. Tapio Saavalaine's Grand Soleil 37 *Kalevala II* placed second, and Jim Swartz' Swan 601 *Moneypenny* came third.

Racing the 2007 Gulf Stream Series will be scored under the IRC endorsed rating system either in specific fleets, divisions or classes and events may be dual scored along with other systems such as the CSA in the Caribbean. Racing will be by individual entry and by two-boat teams representing nations, yacht clubs, or other sailing associations for the Gulf Stream Trophy and the Gulf Stream Team Trophy.

The Notice of Series and entry information will be available on the US-IRC web site: <http://www.us-irc.org/>

The series will be scored based upon the results of completed events as follows:

GROUP (1) Medium Distance Races

Each competitor shall complete **one** race of the following races, Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race **OR** the Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race **OR** Stamford Yacht Club's Vineyard Race.

GROUP (2) Long Distance Races

Each competitor shall complete one race of the following races: Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race **OR** The Annapolis to Newport Race **OR** The Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race

GROUP (3) Southern Events

Each competitor shall complete **two** of the following series: Acura Key West 2007 OR Acura Miami Grand Prix 2007 OR International Rolex Regatta, St Thomas OR The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival OR St Maarten Heineken Regatta OR Stanford Antigua Sailing Week

GROUP (4) East Coast Around the Buoy Races

Each competitor shall complete two of the following series: American Yacht Club's Spring Series OR New York Yacht Club's 153rd Annual Regatta presented by Rolex OR Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week presented by Rolex OR Storm Trysail Club IRC East Coast Championship.

Each FLEET in Groups 1 & 2 and each CLASS in Groups 3 & 4 events must start with a minimum of 5 yachts with IRC endorsed certificates if the event is to qualify for the series. Yachts finishing more than the minimum number of events in any group may discard their worst score(s) in that group.

Each yacht's individual score in the distance races, Groups 1 & 2, will be determined by her finish position in the endorsed certificate IRC fleet divided by the number of starters in that fleet. Each yacht's individual score in other regattas, Groups 3 & 4, will be her overall finish position

within the IRC Endorsed yachts within her class divided by the number of IRC Endorsed yacht starters in that class. Each yacht's score for the Gulf Stream Series will be the sum of its points of its qualifying events. Each team's scores will be the sum of each yacht's individual qualifying scores. The lowest score wins.

Starting in January 2007, Gulf Stream Series racing will include:

Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race January 10 2007

<http://www.keywestrace.org/>

Acura Key West 2007 January 15-19 2007

<http://www.premiere-racing.com/>

Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race February 16 2007

<http://www.montegobayrace.com/>

St Maarten Heineken Regatta March 2-4 2007

<http://www.heinekenregatta.com/>

Acura Miami Grand Prix 2007 March 8-11 2007

<http://www.premiere-racing.com/>

International Rolex Regatta, St Thomas March 23-25 2007

<http://www.rolexcupregatta.com/>

The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival March 26 - April 1 2007

<http://www.bvispringregatta.org/>

American Yacht Club Spring Series April 28-29 & May 5-6 2007

<http://www.americanyc.com/>

Stanford Antigua Sailing Week April 29-May 4 2007

<http://www.sailingweek.com/>

Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race May 25 2007

<http://www.stormtrysail.org/>

Annapolis to Newport Race June 1 2007

<http://www.annapolisyc.org/newport07>

New York Yacht Club's 153rd Annual Regatta presented by Rolex
June 8-10 2007

<http://www.nyyc.org/>

Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXII presented by Rolex
June 17-22 2007

<http://www.stormtrysail.org/>

Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race July 8th 2007

<http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/>

Stamford Yacht Club Vineyard Race August 31 2007

<http://www.stamfordyc.com/>

Storm Trysail Club IRC East Coast Championship, Annapolis
November 2-4 2007

<http://www.stormtrysail.org/>

Photo: The Captain of *Aera*, Jez Fanstone, receives the first place Gulf Stream Series Trophy from Sir John Vereker, Governor of Bermuda, at the Centennial Bermuda Race prizegiving following the Onion Patch Series. PHOTO CREDIT: Barry Pickthall/PPL. For high res images of Gulf Stream Series Racing, contact Talbot Wilson.

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