



## **AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT**

**Panel Discussions, Weather Briefings & more...**

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**Saturday, January 17**

**INDUSTRY PARTNER DAY**

**2:00 – 4:00 PM (D-P)**

### ***IRC Measurer Re-certification***

***Presented By US Sailing***

***Dan Nowlan, Eric Baittinger and Nathan Titcomb***

Every year the IRC Rule evolves to make it work better and keep up with fleet innovation. Every year US SAILING and the RORC review measurement practices and procedures to see what is working and what is causing problems. Keeping the certified IRC measurers abreast of rule changes along with procedures, forms and processing requirements is an important part their annual education. Sit in and learn the details for 2009 first hand from the folks at US Sailing responsible for administering IRC in the USA and certifying our measurers.

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**Sunday, January 18**

**CITY OF KEY WEST DAY**

**4:00 – 5:00 PM (RWT)**

### ***Winning Tactics in Key West***

***Panel Discussion Presented by North Sails & Kattack***

What do champion tacticians and skippers do differently to prepare for the challenges presented with Key West racing? A podium finish in Key West will be a significant accomplishment in any of the competing classes. Kattack will provide some fascinating race tracking from 2008 to help illustrate some of the unique Key West tactical challenges. One sure way to enhance your chances this week is to stop by the Race Week Tent just prior to the Skipper's Meeting and hear from proven winners. Join this distinguished panel of champions - as they provide insight and take your questions about race week preparation and the tactical intricacies and challenges that Key West presents.

Moderator:  
Panel (final TBA)

Andreas Josenhans  
Robbie Haines    Bill Hardesty    Terry Hutchinson  
Adrian Stead    Dave Ullman

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**Monday, January 19**

**NAUTICA WATCHES DAY**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (D-P)**

### ***Weather – Key West Overview and Tuesday Forecast***

***Commanders' Weather***

George Caras of Commander's Weather start the week off with an overview of the local weather, sea breezes, clouds, approaching fronts, and will share their meteoro-'logic' as it relates to Key West race conditions.

Be sure to join George each day (*Mon-Thurs*) for a debrief on the weather and why it was precisely what was predicted... or not. The discussion (at the Dimension-Polyant tent in the Industry Partner Area) will include a look ahead to what Mother Nature will bring to your race course the following day with questions and audience interaction welcome.

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**Tuesday, January 20**

**SPERRY TOP-SIDER DAY**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (RWT)**

### ***ISAF Classification: Facts and Myths***

***Panel Discussion***

For over a decade, a system of Classification has existed to try and define an important performing element in our sport: the sailors. Competitive classes and events around the world have used and helped refine the ISAF Classification system to help define the types of sailors they wish to have in their competitions, ranging from those who are deemed 'amateurs' in Group 1 to 'professionals' in Group 3. Because of the challenges inherent in trying to define who these sailors are, the system has at times been the subject of criticism and scrutiny, yet remains as a vital key to the success of many of these classes and events.

Join ISAF Classification Commission Chair Antony Matusch and a panel of class managers and sailors as they discuss the merits and pitfalls of this system. Everyone is invited to learn and provide feedback for improving this important process.

### ***Weather – Tuesday Debrief and Wednesday Forecast***

***Commanders' Weather (D-P)***

Join Commanders' Weather and debrief on another day of racing in Key West and learn what to look for on Wednesday during an informal session that will include questions and audience interaction.

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**Wednesday, January 21**

**MOUNT GAY RUM DAY**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (RWT)**

***CPR/AED & Basic First Aid Seminar***

***Presented by Sail 22  
Trainer: Becky DaMore, CNP***

Did you know that if you have a heart attack and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is used within the first five minutes your chance of survival increases by 80%? Would you know what to do with one in an emergency? And have you looked in your sailing first aid kit recently? Do you even know what is in it? Check out some essentials every boat should have for racing and learn the basics about AEDs in this hands-on seminar. (There are five AEDs on site throughout race week. One on each division's signal boat and two shoreside.)

***Weather – Wednesday Debrief and Thursday Forecast***

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (D-P)**

Join Commanders' Weather and debrief on another day of racing in Key West and learn what to look for on Thursday during an informal session that will include questions and audience interaction.

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**Thursday, January 22**

**LEWMAR DAY**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (RWT)**

***The New Racing Rules of Sailing***

***Presented by North U  
Moderator: Dobbs Davis***

The New Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) have made some significant changes to who has right of way at marks, obstructions, and elsewhere around the race course. Want to know how the new RRS may affect your tactics? Join the staff from North U to get a brief overview, with a preview of the new Rules program developed by Bill Gladstone with help from rules experts like Dave & Brad Dellenbaugh and Dave Perry, as well as prominent sailors, tacticians, and coaches, like Peter Isler, Geoff Moore, Steve LeMay, Andrew Kerr, and more.

***Weather – Thursday Debrief and Friday Forecast***

**5:00 – 6:00 PM (D-P)**

Here's your last chance to get the "weather edge" as you prepare for the final day of racing. Join the Commanders' Weather team to debrief on Thursday's weather and learn what to look for on Friday. The informal session that will include questions and audience interaction.

***Afternoon panel discussions will be held under the reception tent (RWT) or the Dimension-Polyant (D-P) tent in the Industry Partner Area at the Historic Seaport. Details, including updated panel composition, can be found at Acura Race Headquarters and on the Notice Board. Complimentary beer will be served.***