



# Official Notice and Conditions of Race

January 18 – 22, 2010 Key West, Florida USA

Key West 2010, presented by Nautica 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:  
Premiere Racing, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1067  
67 B Front Street  
Marblehead, MA 01945 USA  
Tel: 781-639-9545  
Fax: 781-639-9171  
Email: [KWinfo@Premiere-Racing.com](mailto:KWinfo@Premiere-Racing.com)  
Web: [Premiere-Racing.com](http://Premiere-Racing.com)  
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 web pages found at Premiere Racing's web site: [www.Premiere-Racing.com](http://www.Premiere-Racing.com)

### 3 Race Headquarters

Race Week Headquarters will be located at the Caroline Street lot adjacent to the Reception Tent located in the Historic Seaport at the Key West Bight.

### 4 Slips/Docking

Key West and Stock Island have multiple, viable options for mooring. Boat owners are responsible for arranging their own dock space and arrangements should be made as early as possible. Many private marinas do not accept early reservations; however, this does not reflect on availability in the fall and early winter.

#### Historic Seaport Marina

Tel: 305-809-3983  
Fax: 305-293-8369  
Email: [keywestbightmarina@keywestcity.com](mailto:keywestbightmarina@keywestcity.com)

Official Site with Headquarters, Reception Tent, Jury Rooms and Media Center. 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 page 9 and 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 an independent mobile marina.

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

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Large basin with no draft constraints and is not a private marina with standard marina amenities.

Facility is available from January 4 – 24, 2010. 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.

### Mobile Marina

Crane Launch-Haul / Mast Step  
Details and contact information posted on the event web site in the Marinas section.

### 5 Boat Charter

Entrants desiring to charter boats for the event are advised to contact individual classes regarding availability and class requirements. Private charter listings are posted in the Charter section on the event web site.

### 6 Boat Transport

Florida Department of Transportation contact information and basic requirements regarding road transport are posted 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.

US and overseas transport services are posted in the Logistics section on the event web site.

### 7 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](mailto:info@accommodationskeywest.com)  
Web: [AccommodationsKeyWest.com](http://AccommodationsKeyWest.com)

Premiere Racing would like to acknowledge and thank the Key West Inns and Hotels featured on page 11 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.

### 8 Car Rental

**Budget Rent A Car** — Reservations: call toll free 1-800-772-3773 or online at [Budget.com](http://Budget.com)  
For the best rates, use special discount code "U070205"

### 9 Event Name

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name — Key West 2010, presented by Nautica. Any commercial video of the event, including web site productions, must be licensed by Premiere Racing.

### 10 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.

### 11 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Premiere Racing for wiring instructions.

# Part 2: Rules and Conditions

## 1 MANAGEMENT

Premiere Racing is the Organizing Authority for Key West 2010, presented by Nautica, the 23rd 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 2009 IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, the PHRF Rules and Regulations as adopted and amended by the Key West PHRF Consortium, the 2010 Key West Safety Requirements (to be posted on the event web site on or about August 15, 2009), and the 2010 Key West 20' Sportboat Rules and Safety Requirements (to be posted on the event web site on or about September 30, 2009).

**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 Melges 24, J/80, 20' Sportboat and Corsair multihull classes, which shall be sailed by at least 3 persons.

**3.3** Melges 24, 20' Sportboat, and Corsair 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, Melges 32, and Swan 42 classes and other One Design classes whose rules specify crew weigh-ins.

**3.5** IRC crew weight and limitations (IRC Rule 27.4.3): 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 ([www.Premiere-Racing.com](http://www.Premiere-Racing.com)). Premiere Racing's Key West PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF handicaps for this event. The PHRF 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.

## 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 and pay the event advertising fee of \$250. Class or boat manufacturer names and logos on sails and hulls will not be considered advertising and no additional fee will be required. 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 2010 is open to One Design, PHRF, and IRC monohull boats, 24-85 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars, 20' Sportboats (as described in NOR 5.7) and Corsair multihulls (Sprint 750 and 28R) that submit a completed entry.

**5.2** Key West 2010 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 18, 2009. A completed entry form, a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by Premiere Racing by December 18, 2009 to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after December 30, 2009 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/109, J/120, J/80, Melges 24, Melges 32, Swan 42, TP52 and 20' Sportboat one designs (as described in NOR 5.7). 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 Acura Key West 2008 and/or Acura Key West 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 18, 2009 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 the Acura Key West 2008 or 2009 handicap in the case of a renewal application. A Key West PHRF certificate will be sent to entrants after the PHRF 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 2009 valid "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the December 18, 2009 deadline. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800 or [IRC@ussailing.org](mailto:IRC@ussailing.org)). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact [www.ircrating.org](http://www.ircrating.org).

**5.7** There will be a start for a 20' Sportboat class at this year's Key West Race Week. We extend an invitation to one design 20' Sportboats of similar size (20-22' LOA), including the Laser SB3, Melges 20, Ultimate 20, Viper 640 and other similar designs as approved by Premiere Racing. The fleet will be scored with elapsed time, within their respective one-design fleets for designs with 8 or more entrants and on corrected time for all other sportboat entrants. Specific information regarding handicapping, crew weight limits and safety requirements will be provided in the 2010 Key West 20' Sportboat Rules and Safety Requirements (to be posted on the event web site on or about September 30, 2009).

**5.8** International Team Competition — The Nautica Watches Trophy

**5.8.1** Key West 2010, presented by Nautica 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 11, 2009. 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.

20' Sport Boat	\$ 550
24'	\$ 725
25' – 29'	\$ 775
30' – 34'	\$ 850
35' – 39'	\$ 950
40' – 44'	\$ 1,150
45' – 49'	\$ 1,300
50' – 54'	\$ 1,600
55' +	\$ 1,900

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 tent and Industry Partner exhibit area for six evenings. Shoreside activities will include trophy presentations, beverages, raffle prizes, Sponsor and Partner demonstrations, panel discussions, snacks, race video, music and local Key West entertainment. Access Cards, which are optional, are US\$60 in advance and US\$65 on-site (price includes sales tax).

## 7 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, January 15

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

### Saturday, January 16

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

### Sunday, January 17

0800-0900 Filing of PHRF Handicap Appeals  
0900-1200 PHRF Rating 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 18 – 22

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, 2009 on the event web site.

### 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, 2009. Additionally, they will be posted on-site at Race Headquarters no later than 1800 on Saturday, January 16, 2010.

**8.2.2** PHRF Class Breaks: In an effort to provide 'like racing' under PHRF, boat displacement, sail area to displacement, and other factors will be considered when determining class breaks. Rating adjustments of up to 3 seconds per mile may be assigned to boats after class splits are determined.

**8.2.3** 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 5, 2010. 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.

**8.2.4** 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 17, 2010. 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 2009 IRC Rules shall apply and that the validity of the 2009 IRC certificates is extended for the purpose of the Key West 2010.

**8.3.2** Owners must provide an "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate. To insure receipt of an endorsed certificate by the December 18 deadline, US flagged boats are to submit a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application to [IRC@ussailing.org](mailto:IRC@ussailing.org) prior to November 25, 2009. Boats from other nations should consult their IRC Rule Authority as shown on [www.ircrating.org](http://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 8, 2010. Requests submitted to a Rule Authority after 1700 (EST) Monday January 4 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 increase TCC, no IRC rating change will be accepted after January 14, 2010.

**8.3.4** For the 'IRC Big Boat Class' (or Classes) only, IRC Rules 26.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced. For reference purposes, the minimum TCC in 2009 for the Big Boat Class was 1.257 (2010 TCC to be determined following the entry deadline, December 18, 2009).

IRC Rule 26.1.5 (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.

## 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or about January 4, 2010 on the event web site and at Race Headquarters beginning on Saturday, January 16, 2010.

## 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 September 30, 2009.

## 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 24 and Melges 32 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 seven 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. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.

**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 Corsair Sprint 750 and 28R multihulls will be scored using handicaps provided by Corsair Marine with the actual distances used.

## 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 2010 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.

# PHRF Weight Limits

For all PHRF entries, boats will be rated within the following Base Crew Weight Limitations. Crew weigh-ins are 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.

Up to LOA (ft)	Base Weight Limit (lbs)	Approximate Crew Number
25.00	900	5
27.00	1,080	6
30.00	1,260	7
32.00	1,440	8
34.00	1,620	9
37.00	1,800	10
40.00	1,980	11
43.00	2,160	12
45.00	2,340	13
50.00	2,520	14
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 900 pounds. A 25.5 foot boat is rounded to 26 feet LOA and is allowed a base crew weight of 1,080 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)

**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 8 entries, daily and series awards for first and second place boats will be awarded.

**15.4** Specialty Trophies: The Paul Washburn Sportsmanship award will be presented at the Skippers' Meeting. A Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer. The first place team participating in the International Team competition will be recognized with the Nautica Watches Trophy. The Key West Trophy will be awarded to the PHRF Boat of the Week. The Boat of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of 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 8, 2010 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.