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Note: Requirements for the 20' Sportboat Class are addressed in a separate document: "2010 Key West Sportboat Rules and Safety Requirements" (posted on the event web site).

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR KEY WEST 2010

IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE APPLICABLE CLASS RULES FOR THOSE ONE DESIGN CLASSES GIVEN A ONE DESIGN START CONFLICT WITH THESE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, THE CLASS RULES SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE

Sailing is an inherently risky activity and it is the ultimate and final responsibility of the skipper, owner and crew to use their best judgment regarding participating in any race, continuing in a race, and use of safety equipment and procedures.

The skipper and/or owner are responsible for assuring that the yacht is seaworthy and equipped with all safety equipment appropriate for the prevailing and expected conditions. Each crewmember shall familiarize themselves with the location and proper use of all such equipment. The skipper and/or owner and crew shall utilize all appropriate safety equipment whenever conditions warrant.

The safety requirements for equipment and procedures are as follows:

1. Requirements of the applicable US Coast Guard Regulations (<http://www.uscgboating.org/>) for type and size of vessel as specified in the US Code of Federal Regulations. Although unofficial, lists of requirements are available through various commercial boating resources. One such site is: <http://www.nyss.com/federal.html#3> Skippers are solely responsible for meeting these requirements and Premiere Racing, Inc., the Historic Seaport at the Key West Bight, the City of Key West, and all Sponsors, Suppliers and Partners of KW10, their officers, directors, members, committee personnel, volunteers, employees and agents are in no way to be held responsible for any omissions or errors in the above website.
2. Requirements as stated in one design class or applicable handicap rules
3. Requirements as stated in the regatta's Notice & Conditions of Race and Sailing Instructions
4. The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2008 – 2009 version), Category 5, except that Part C Recommendations shall be required with the exception of sections 4.01.2 (display of sail numbers while sails are down), 4.26.9 (specific mainsail reefing requirements), and 5.01.2 (SOLAS life jacket requirements). These regulations can be found at: <http://www.isaf.org/1918.php>
5. A Man Overboard practice maneuver shall be practiced by all entries

Recommendation:

It is strongly advised that the owner and/or skipper consult with their boat designer and sailmaker to decide the most effective size for storm and heavy weather sails. The purpose of these sails is to provide safe propulsion for the yacht in severe weather.

Reminder on Rendering Assistance:

Racing Rules of Sailing Fundamental Rule 1.1 states: "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE KEPT ABOARD THE YACHT DURING KEY WEST 2010 AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST.

BOAT NAME: _____ SAIL NUMBER: _____

OWNER/SKIPPER: _____ DATE: _____
Signature