



AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Panel Discussions, Weather Briefings & more...

Sunday, January 17

CITY OF KEY WEST DAY

4:00 – 5:00 PM

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 2009 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: Andreas Josenhans
Panel: Bill Hardesty Terry Hutchinson Peter Isler Dee Smith Ian Walker

Monday, January 18

NAUTICA WATCHES DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Weather – Key West Overview and Tuesday Forecast (Presented by B&G)

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 will include a look ahead to what Mother Nature will bring to your race course the following day with questions and audience interaction welcome.

Tuesday, January 19

SPERRY TOP-SIDER DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

ISAF Classification – Will elimination of Group 2 help the game?

Panel Discussion

In response to a broad survey of events and classes that use the ISAF Classification system, the Classification Commission recommended last November for Group 2 to be eliminated from the Classification Code. ISAF Council passed this recommendation, which will go into effect on 1 April this year, leaving sailors to be defined only as either Group 1 or Group 3. There are currently 440 Group 2 sailors among the near 16,000 in the system who will therefore get re-classified by this date.

Will this change in a system which has processed some 80,000 sailors over the past 9 years be a good thing for the sport by reducing the confusion between who are "pros" and "amateurs"? Or will the new line drawn between the two groups just create more controversy? And how will ISAF combat the problem of some Group 1's who seem to sail for more than just "a past time activity?"

Join ISAF Classification Commission member Dobbs Davis and a panel of prominent class representatives and sailors to discuss this controversial topic and how it may help – or hurt - to shape the game.

Weather – Tuesday Debrief and Wednesday Forecast (Presented by B&G)

Commanders' Weather

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.

Wednesday, January 20

MOUNT GAY RUM DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

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 (Presented by B&G)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

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.

Thursday, January 21

LEWMAR DAY

4:30 – 6:00 PM

Spanish Castle to White Knight (video)

An afternoon at the movies courtesy of Volvo Ocean Race

Completing the Volvo Ocean Race is a supreme human achievement – only a fraction of the sailors that started from the ramparts of Alicante's castle sailed all of the 37,000 miles to the finish in St. Petersburg. The handful that did have been through every emotion, their human story intertwined with the raw elements of nature and the extraordinary technology on which their survival depends. Grab some popcorn and a cold beer and take in the official highlights DVD charting the highs and lows of the incredible 2008-09 edition of the VOR, where the boats were literally pushed to breaking point.

Weather – Thursday Debrief and Friday Forecast (Presented by B&G)

5:00 – 6:00 PM

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.

Weather briefs will be held at the B&G Tent in the Industry Partner Area

Afternoon panel discussions will be held under the reception tent or in the Industry Partner Area at the Historic Seaport.

***Details, including updated panel composition, can be found at Race Headquarters, on the Notice Board, and in each issue of Race Week News.
Complimentary beer will be served.***