Key West 2011, presented by Nautica

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Panel Discussions, Weather Briefings & more…

Sunday, January 16 CITY OF KEY WEST DAY **4:30 – 5:30 PM**

Winning Tactics in Key West ***Panel Discussion***

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. As most experienced Key West afterguard know, there are unique West tactical challenges. One sure way to enhance your chances this week is to stop by the Race Week shoreside venue 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: Dobbs Davis
Panel: Ed Baird, Russell Coutts, Paul Goodison, Peter Holmberg, Cam Lewis

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Monday -- Thursday, January 17-20 **5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Weather – Debriefing & Following Day's Forecast ***(Presented by B&G)*** ***Commanders' Weather***

George Caras of Commander's Weather will be with us all week to share his meteoro-'logic' as it relates to Key West 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.

Monday, January 17 NAUTICA WATCHES DAY **5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Why is Match Racing on fire in the U.S.? And what is its future? ***Panel Discussion***

In the past two years Open match race sailing in the US has exploded in popularity: there are now six dedicated centers for match race sailing located on both coasts and the Great Lakes, and the number of Open ISAF-Graded events has quadrupled in this time frame. Why is this happening? What is the attraction of match racing that accounts for this popularity given the decline in other parts of the sport? And will the next America's Cup format and venue help further this growth? Join our panelists to explore this trend and what it may mean to the future of match racing and its effects on the sport.

Moderator: Dobbs Davis,
Panel: Liz Baylis, Bill Hardesty, Brian Janney, Ian Williams, Don Wilson, Jim O'Toole*, Dawn Riley*, (*by Skype)

Tuesday, January 18 LEWMAR / NAVTEC DAY **5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Can there be One World, One Rule in offshore handicapping? ***Panel Discussion***

The recent announcement of an intended merger between the RORC Rating Office, producers of IRC, and the Offshore Racing Congress, producers of ORC Club and ORC International rating systems, brings together the two most popular measurement rating systems in the world. But the two have very different philosophies in their approach, with IRC being a simple but secret rule system predominant in the Anglo cultures, and ORC being VPP-driven, published, and popular in the non-Anglo world. The US meanwhile has several different systems in what has been described as an 'alphabet soup' of options, is not a party to this merger, but still has an interest in this discussion. Is it possible to unite the world in measurement handicapping? Join our panelists who bring decades of experience in racing, handicapping, and race management to explore how and why.

Moderator: Dobbs Davis
Panel: Steve Benjamin, Bruce Bingman, Bill O'Malley, Dee Smith, Stan Honey* (*by Skype)

Panel Discussions will take place in Kelly's Caribbean Courtyard
Weather Briefings will take place at the B&G Tent

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