



2010 MIAMI GRAND PRIX

March 4 – 7, 2010
Miami Beach, Florida USA

Official Notice and Conditions of Race

The Miami Grand Prix is an international regatta that will provide both one design and IRC racing. 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.

There will be one racing division for those invited classes listed below:

TP52
Swan 42
Farr 40
Melges 32
IRC

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:

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Email: Info@Premiere-Racing.com
www.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 race week web pages found at Premiere Racing's web site: www.Premiere-Racing.com

3 RACE HEADQUARTERS

Race Headquarters will be at the Miami Beach Marina (MBM). There will be a hospitality area at the marina for post racing social activity.

Miami Beach Marina
300 Alton Road,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
www.miamibeachmarina.com

4 SLIPS/DOCKING

Boat owners are responsible for arranging their own dock space. Arrangements should be made as early as possible through Miami Beach Marina.

This is a state of the art marina that will have transient slips available for IRC, TP52, Swan 42 and Farr 40 entrants. Melges 32 entrants will be berthed at the marina floats. It is the closest marina to the race course, located just inside Government Cut. Maximum draft is 11-1/2 feet. A special race week application for slips [is posted on the web site](#).

E-mail: info@miamibeachmarina.com

Tel: (305) 673-6000

Fax: (305) 538-1780

5 SECURE BOAT STORAGE

Depending on the size and type of boat, there are numerous options in and around the Miami area for storing boats during the weeks between *Key West 2010* and the *2010 Miami Grand Prix*. These [details are posted on the web site](#).

6 ACCOMMODATIONS

Premiere Racing would like to acknowledge and thank the Miami and Miami Beach establishments [featured on the web site](#) that support race week. Please patronize those that support Race Week and [visit their web sites](#) for additional information on these establishments.

7 AUTO RENTAL (DISCOUNTED RATES)

Budget Rent A Car - Reservations: call toll free 1-800-772-3773 or online at Budget.com. For the best rates refer to the event web site for the special discount code

8 EVENT NAME

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name: "2010 Miami Grand Prix". Any commercial video of the event, including web site productions, must be licensed by Premiere Racing.

9 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.

10 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Premiere Racing for wiring instructions.



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Part 2 Rules and Conditions

1 MANAGEMENT

Premiere Racing is the Organizing Authority for the *2010 Miami Grand Prix*.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the 2010 IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, and the 2010 Miami Grand Prix Safety Requirements (to be posted on the event web site).

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 will be 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.

3.3 Crew weigh-ins are required for the Swan 42, Farr 40, and Melges 32 classes.

3.4 IRC crew weight and limitations (IRC Rule 27.4.3): For IRC classes, the maximum total crew limit shall not exceed the Crew Number printed on the boat's IRC certificate.

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 The Miami Grand Prix is open to boats in the TP52, Swan 42, Farr 40, Melges 32, and IRC monohull boats that meet or exceed the lower rating limit of 1.040. Premiere Racing will provide clarification on IRC class splits at the entry deadline.

5.2 The Miami Grand Prix 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, February 5, 2010. A completed entry form, a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by Premiere Racing by the entry deadline to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after February 19, 2010 without an additional surcharge. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after entry receipt.

5.4 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.

5.5 Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2010 valid 'Endorsed' IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the February 5 deadline. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800 or IRC@ussailing.org). Boats from other nations should consult their Rule Authority (details on www.ircrating.org).

6 FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fee is delineated below.

IRC 1 / TP52	\$2,000	IRC 2 / Swan 42	\$1,300
Farr 40	\$1,500	Melges 32	\$ 900

Boats displaying advertising must pay the advertising fee (refer to Section 4.1)

7 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 2

1200 – 1500 One Design Crew Weigh-In
Bow Sticker and Number Pick-Up

Wednesday, March 3

0900-1700 One Design Crew Weigh-In
Bow Sticker and Number Pick-Up
1700-1720 Skippers' Meeting
1730-1900 Welcoming Social – Miami Beach Marina (MBM)

Thursday, March 4

0900 Harbor Start
1030-1600 Racing (First Warning Signal 1030)
1600-1730* Post Race Social (MBM)

Friday, March 5

0900 Harbor Start
1030-1600 Racing (First Warning Signal 1030)
1600-1730* Post Race Social (MBM)

Saturday, March 6

0900 Harbor Start
1030-1600 Racing (First Warning Signal 1030)
1600-1730* Post Race Social (MBM)

Sunday, March 7

0900 Harbor Start
1030-1530 Racing (First Warning Signal 1030 - No Warning Signal after 1430)
1530-1700* Post Race Social / Prize Giving (MBM)

** Approximate times. Post Race Social will begin immediately after racing*

8 CLASSES

8.1 The preliminary scratch sheet will be available on or about February 19, 2010 on the event web site.

8.2 IRC

8.2.1 IRC entrants must provide an 'Endorsed' IRC rating certificate. To insure receipt of an Endorsed certificate by the February 5, 2010 deadline, US flagged boats are to submit a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application to IRC@ussailing.org prior to February 1, 2010. Boats from other nations should consult their Rule Authority (details on www.ircrating.org).

8.2.2 Except to correct Rating Office errors, no changes to IRC certificates will be permitted after 1700, March 1, 2010 without the express permission of the IRC Rating Authority.

8.2.3 For the IRC 1 class, IRC Rules 26.1.5 (d) and (e) are replaced.

IRC Rules 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 February 19, 2010 on the event web site and at Race Headquarters beginning on Wednesday, March 3, 2010

10 RACING AREA / CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

10.1 There will be one racing division.

10.2 All classes will race south of Miami's Government Cut. All classes have four race days scheduled (March 4 – 7, 2010).

11 SCORING

11.1 Ten races are scheduled, of which three must be completed to constitute a series. A maximum of 3 races may be held on any race day.

11.2 For the Melges 32 class, 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.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

12.1 When an international jury is properly constituted in accordance with RRS 70.5, 91(b) and Appendix N, its decisions will be 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 the 2010 Miami Grand Prix 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 at the Miami Beach Marina regatta site on Sunday as soon as practical following racing.

15.2 Class awards for first, second and third place in the series will be presented to classes with 6 or more boats. Smaller classes may receive first and second place awards.

15.3 The Baxter Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Farr 40 class.

15.4 The Boat of the Week Trophy will be presented to the top performing boat at race week, which will be the class winner whose class featured the closest, most competitive racing for the series.

15.5 The 2010 Grand Prix Award will be presented to the Farr 40, and combined IRC class champions with the lowest cumulative points for the Key West 2010 and 2010 Miami Grand Prix regattas combined. The 2010 Grand Prix Award will be presented to the Melges 32 class champion with the lowest cumulative points for the 2009 Melges Gold Cup, Key West 2010 and the 2010 Miami Grand Prix regattas combined.

16 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Premiere Racing reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice made prior to February 19, 2010 will be posted on the event web site and mailed or e-mailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will be posted on the official notice board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.