



2008 ACURA MIAMI GRAND PRIX

March 6 - 9, 2008
Miami Beach, Florida USA



Official Notice and Conditions of Race

The Acura 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:

IRC (up to two classes - lower rating limit is 1.085)
Farr 40
Melges 32

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.
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Marblehead, MA 01945 USA

Tel: 781-639-9545
Fax: 781-639-9171
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

Acura 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 or MiaMarina (as indicated below).

IRC and Farr 40 Entrants:

Miami Beach Marina slips. This is a state of the art marina that will have transient slips available for IRC and Farr 40 entrants. 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: http://www.premiere-racing.com/miami08/pages/AMGP08_marinas.htm

E-mail: info@miamibeachmarina.com

Tel: (305) 673-6000

Fax: (305) 538-1780

IRC Entrants (boats drawing over 11-1/2 feet):

Deep draft boats unable to moor at the MBM can reserve transient slips at the MiaMarina in downtown Miami. This government owned marina has full amenities and is located just south of the Port of Miami Causeway. It is approximately a 30 minute transit to the Miami Beach entrance of the Government Cut. Visit the event web site for updates:

http://www.premiere-racing.com/miami08/pages/AMGP08_marinas.htm

Melges 32 and IRC entrants with LOA less than 40':

Special arrangements have been made for the smaller boats to use the floating docks at the Miami Beach Marina. Premiere Racing will manage these floats during race week. A special race week application for rafting at the floating docks is posted on the web site:

http://www.premiere-racing.com/miami08/pages/AMGP08_marinas.htm

Email: Info@premiere-racing.com

Tel: (781) 639-9545

Fax: (781) 639-9171

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 *Acura Key West 2008* and the *2008 Acura Miami Grand Prix*. These details are posted on the web site: http://www.premiere-racing.com/miami08/pages/AMGP08_marinas.htm

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:

http://www.premiere-racing.com/miami08/pages/AMGP08_accommodations.htm

7 AUTO RENTAL (DISCOUNTED RATES)

Budget Rent A Car - Reservations: call toll free 1-800-772-3773. For the best rates use the special event discount #: **U070205**.

8 EVENT NAME

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name: "2008 Acura Miami Grand Prix". Any commercial video of the event 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 *2008 Acura Miami Grand Prix*.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008*, the 2008 IRC Rules, and the 2008 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 (Appeals Procedures), 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 Farr 40 and Melges 32 classes.

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

4 ADVERTISING

4.1 Those One Design classes that have chosen to race under Category A will sail under Category A for this regatta. Those One Design classes that have chosen to race under Category C and those boats sailing under IRC will sail under Category C. Boats that intend to display advertising in accordance with Category C must so indicate on their entry form and pay the advertising fee for this category (equal to the entry fee). 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 Acura Miami Grand Prix is open to boats in the Farr 40 and Melges 32 classes and IRC monohull boats that meet or exceed the lower rating limit of 1.085. Premiere Racing will provide clarification on IRC class splits at the entry deadline.

5.2 The Acura 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 8, 2008. 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 22, 2008 without an additional surcharge. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after entry receipt.

5.4 Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2008 valid 'Endorsed' IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the February 8 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 rating office or contact info@rorcrating.com

5.5 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 Acura Race Headquarters.

6 FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fee is delineated below. An administrative fee of US\$100 will be applied to any cancellations.

Melges 32	\$850
IRC 40' or less	\$1,200
Farr 40	\$1,400
IRC 41' – 50'	\$1,600
IRC 51' +	\$2,000

A boat's LOA is to be rounded to the lower whole number (i.e. 50.01' = 50' and 50.99' = 50') for the purpose of determining entry fees.

Boats displaying advertising in accordance with Category C must pay the advertising fee which is equal to the entry fee (refer to Section 4.1)

7 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 5

1000-1700	One Design Crew Weigh-In Bow Sticker and Number Pick-Up
1700-1720	Skippers' Meeting
1730-1900	Welcoming Social (MBM)

Thursday, March 6

0830	Harbor Start
1000-1600	Racing
1600-1730 *	Post Race Social (MBM)

Friday, March 7

0830	Harbor Start
1000-1600	Racing
1800-2000	Owner's Reception (Rod & Reel Club)

Saturday, March 8

0830	Harbor Start
1000-1600	Racing
1600-1730 *	Post Race Social (MBM)

Sunday, March 9

0830	Harbor Start
1000-1530	Racing
1530-1700 *	Post Race Social / Prize Giving (MBM)

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

8 MEASUREMENT, APPEALS AND CLASSES

8.1 The preliminary scratch sheet will be available on or about February 22, 2008 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 8, 2008 deadline, US flagged boats are to submit a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application to IRC@ussailing.org prior to February 1, 2008. Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact info@rorcrating.com

8.2.2 Except to correct Rating Office errors, no changes to IRC certificates will be permitted after 1700, March 2, 2008 without the express permission of the IRC Rating Authority.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or about February 25, 2008 on the event web site and at Acura Race Headquarters beginning on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

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 6-9, 2008).

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 Except for the Farr 40 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to rule 89.3(b) if at least seven races are completed. For the Farr 40 class a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 The IRC Classes will be scored using the IRC TCC using time on time scoring.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

12.1 When an International Jury is properly constituted in accordance with RRS 70.4, 90(b) and Appendix N, its decisions will be final.

12.2 Decisions of the 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 the Skipper 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 2008 Acura 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 on Sunday as soon as practical following racing at the Miami Beach Marina regatta site.

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 with under fifteen entries and to first through fifth place boats for each class with fifteen or more entries.

15.3 The *Acura* 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.

15.4 The *Acura* Grand Prix Awards will be presented to the class champions with the lowest cumulative points for the *Acura Key West 2008* and the *2008 Acura Miami Grand Prix* regattas combined. The cumulative points will be the sum of the actual final series points for each of the regattas.

16 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Premiere Racing reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice made prior to February 1, 2008 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 Acura Race Headquarters.