



2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix

A Premiere Racing Event

Miami Beach, Florida USA
March 5 – 8, 2009

Sailing Instructions Part 1



1 Acura Race Headquarters, located on the boardwalk at the Miami Beach Marina, will be open from 0800-1800 daily, March 4-8.

2 The Skippers' Meeting, opening party, and post-racing social activity will take place at the regatta site on the boardwalk at the Miami Beach Marina. The afternoon socials will take place immediately following racing with complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Sunday afternoon's final awards ceremony will take place approximately 90 minutes after the signal boat has docked. Refer to the race week schedule on page 2 for details and times.

3 Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's copyrighted name, which is "2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix". Any commercial video of the event for television, including internet use, must be licensed by Premiere Racing.

4 The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests. The legal drinking age in Florida is 21. Minors will not be served and proof of age will be required. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, under-age drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, Committee Member or agent of race week, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible and the boat or competitor may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the Event Director.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There are 10 races scheduled over four days with the potential for three races on any given day. Acura Race Headquarters (ARH) is located on the boardwalk at the Miami Beach Marina. The post-racing social activities will take place at the Miami Beach Marina (MBM) regatta site.

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

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| 0800 | Acura Race Headquarters Opens | |
| 0900-1700 | One Design Crew Weigh-In | ARH |
| | Bow Sticker and Number Pick-Up | |
| | Registration | ARH |
| 1700-1720 | Skippers' Meeting | MBM |
| 1730-1900 | Welcoming Social | MBM |

Thursday, March 5 Industry Partner Day

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| 0700-0900 | One Design Crew Weigh-In | ARH |
| 0900 | Harbor Start | |
| 1030-1600 | Racing (First Warning Signal 1030) | |
| 1600-1730 | Post-Racing Social* | MBM |

Friday, March 6 City of Miami Day

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

Saturday, March 7 Shake-A-Leg Miami Day

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

Sunday, March 8 Acura Day

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| 0900 | Harbor Start | |
| 1030-1530 | Racing (First Warning Signal 1030) | |
| | <i>Note: No Warning Signal after 1430</i> | |
| 1530-1700 | Post-Racing Social / Final Prize Giving** | MBM |

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

**Awards Presentation 90 minutes after the Signal Boat docks

🕒 Important Sunday reminder:

On Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 AM, Daylight Saving Time begins.

Please be sure to set your clocks and watches ahead by one hour

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Sailing Instructions Part 2

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the 2009 IRC Rules parts 1,2 and 3, and the 2009 Premiere Racing Special Equipment & Safety Regulations ([posted on the event web site *www.premiere-racing.com*](#)).

1.2 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 are included in their entirety [on the event web site](#) as an addendum to the sailing instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.

1.3 Advertising. 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Official notices and addenda to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at Acura Race Headquarters. The jury notice board will be located adjacent to the official notice board.

2.2 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing at Acura Race Headquarters. Forms to submit inquiries will be available there. All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect (Section 15.2). Copies of changes will be available at Acura Race Headquarters

3.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water by hail on the appropriate VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2 (c).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole located at Acura Race Headquarters.

4.2 One sound signal at 0900 will signal that races will start as scheduled for at least one of the classes.

4.3 Flag AP with two sound signals means “the race is postponed.” Flag AP over the appropriate class flag(s) with two sound signals means “the race is postponed for those specific classes.” The warning signal for postponed classes will be made not less than 90 minutes after AP is lowered with one sound signal. This modifies Flag AP.

4.4 The race committee will broadcast its intent on the designated VHF Channel at 0830 and again at 0900.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled each day from Thursday, March 5 through Sunday, March 8.

5.2 Ten races are scheduled. For all classes, 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.

5.3 Class start order will be available at registration and posted on the official notice board.

5.4 The scheduled time for the initial warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.

5.5 It is the intention of the race committee to run multiple races of varying lengths on any given day. The race committee will signal its intent to run another race that day by displaying Flag R from the signal boat at the finish of the previous race. After finishing, competitors shall stand clear of the finishing line and observe the starting area boundaries as stated in sailing instruction 10.1.3 until their new starting sequence has commenced.

5.6 On Sunday, March 8, no warning signal to initiate a starting sequence will be signaled after 1430. The race committee will attempt to broadcast its intentions over the designated VHF channel.

6 EVENT BOW STICKERS / BOW NUMBERS / SAIL NUMBERS

6.1 Boats will race in one division and in individual classes within that division. A list of boats by class starting sequence will be posted on the official notice board along with the designated class starting flag.

6.2 Event bow stickers shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. For those boats not issued bow numbers, the stickers are to be mounted approximately 6-10 inches below deck level and 8-14 inches aft of the bow. For those boats issued bow numbers see paragraph 6.3. Instructions will be included in the Skipper's Package. Boats failing to display bow stickers may be subject to protest by the race committee only.

6.3 Bow numbers will be required for the Farr 40 and Melges 32 classes only. Each boat in these classes will be assigned a bow number. These bow numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the bow approximately 6-10 inches below deck level and between 8-14 inches aft of the bow. Event bow stickers shall be displayed approximately 10 inches aft of the bow numbers. Instructions will be included in the Skipper's Package. Boats failing to display bow numbers and event bow stickers may be subject to protest by the race committee only.

6.4 All boats shall display only those racing numbers (on all sails requiring numbers) under which she has entered, unless prior written approval is obtained from the Race Chairman.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be approximately 2 NM south of buoy G7 in Government Cut (see Exhibit 1 page 8).

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses for each race will be selected by the race committee from those outlined in Exhibit 2 (see page 9). The windward marks are to be rounded to port. Two windward marks may be laid (differentiated on the course board by distance to the windward mark for specific classes).

8.2 The course for each class, with the magnetic bearing and distance to the windward mark from the starboard end signal boat, will be displayed on the starboard side of the starboard end signal boat before the warning signal. If course, bearing or distance are unchanged for the succeeding class(es), there will be a blank space rather than repetition on the course board (see sample board, Exhibit 3). The race committee will attempt to broadcast the courses on the designated VHF channel prior to the warning signal for the first class.

8.3 For all classes except the IRC1 class, a leeward gate (two marks) will be used. The gate will be located to windward of the starting line. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port. For the IRC1 class a single leeward mark will be used. The mark will be located approximately 0.2-0.5nm to leeward of the starting line (posted on the course board as indicated in Exhibit 3). The leeward mark is to be rounded to port.

8.4 For all classes a windward offset mark will be used. The mark will be laid to port of the windward mark(s), approximately perpendicular to the course axis and approximately 250-300 feet distant. The windward offset mark(s) are to be rounded to port (not depicted in the course diagrams).

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. Mark 3 will be an orange inflatable cylinder.

9.2 Windward offset marks will be orange balls.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.1.1 The timing of the warning signal for those classes following the first class to start will vary depending on wind conditions, the sailing characteristics of the boats racing and/or the need to adjust the starting line. The race committee will attempt to broadcast its intentions over the designated VHF channel.

10.1.2 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s). Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with rule 44.1.

10.1.3 The starting area will extend 300 feet perpendicularly (to windward and leeward) from the starting line and radially from its ends. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stand clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats which fail to abide by these restrictions may be subject to protest by the race committee only.

10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat.

11 RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to identify recalled boats by broadcast over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 Rule 33 is amended by adding the following:

12.1.1 A signal board with the letters for the classes for which the change of course applies will be used. If the change is for the windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron for the first change unless the first change is for the final leg. When subsequent changes of course are signaled, the yellow and orange marks will be alternated. If the change is for a leeward leg, the original gate and leeward marks will be moved into the new position, unless the change is for the final leg.

12.1.2 A course change for the final leg of a race will be signaled by a race committee boat in the vicinity of the last rounding mark(s). It will display code flags C over Q, and a signal board with the direction and/or leg length change to the finish line and make repetitive sounds. This signal (C over Q) applies only to boats sailing their final (finishing) leg. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of a class has begun the leg, although the finishing line may not yet be in position.

12.2 The race committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over the appropriate VHF channel.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line. The finishing line will be either between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a nearby cylinder or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby race committee boat.

13.2 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be either between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a nearby cylinder or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby committee boat. The finishing line will be located beyond the weather-most windward mark.

13.3 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion on multiple-race days, the race committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

14 PENALTY SYSTEMS

14.1.1 For the IRC classes only, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making Two Turns in compliance with rule 44.2 or by taking a 20% Scoring Penalty in compliance with rule 44.3 as changed by sailing instruction 14.1.3. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three hull length zone of any rounding or passing marks, rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply.

14.1.2 For the Farr 40 and Melges 32 Classes only, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making One Turn including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with rule 44.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three hull length zone of any rounding or passing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2. Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply.

14.1.3 The 20% Scoring Penalty shall be not less than 2 places. All boats that have taken a Scoring Penalty in accordance with rule 44.3 shall submit a written declaration on a form at the jury desk prior to the end of protest time. Submitting a written declaration within the protest time limit shall satisfy the requirement of rule 44.3(b) to inform the race committee at the finishing line. This changes rule 44.3(b), Scoring Penalty.

14.2 Rule 44.1 is modified to allow a boat to take an Arbitration Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the breach before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of an arbitrator. This Scoring Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered as calculated in rule 44.3 (c) but shall not be less than four places.

14.3 If a breach of Class Rules is found in a One Design or IRC class, penalties shall be at the discretion of the jury, in consultation with the Class Management Group or a non-competing Class Representative.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the finishing line boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing,

15.2 Protest forms are available at the jury desk. Completed protests shall be delivered to the jury desk as soon as possible but not later than one hour after the signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the jury notice board.

15.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after they are delivered to the jury desk to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are a party. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the jury desk.

15.4 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the jury notice board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of a boat's representative to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).

16 ARBITRATION

16.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

16.2 After a written protest is delivered to the jury desk, one representative from each boat who was onboard at the time of the incident will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the jury.

16.3 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% as detailed in sailing instruction 14.2.

16.4 The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

16.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

17 SCORING

17.1 For the Farr 40 and IRC classes, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without exclusion. For the Melges 32 Class, a boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score if seven or more races have been completed subject to rule 90.3(b).

17.2 The IRC classes will be scored using IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.

17.3 The 2009 Acura Grand Prix Championship scoring for the Farr 40, and IRC combined class will be based on the lowest cumulative points scored for both the Acura Key West 2009 and the 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix combined. The 2009 Acura Grand Prix Award will be presented to the Melges 32 class champion with the lowest cumulative points for the 2008 Melges Gold Cup, Acura Key West 2009 and the 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix regattas combined.

18 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

18.1 Boats shall comply with Premiere Racing's Special Equipment and Safety Regulations for this event (posted on the event web site www.premiere-racing.com and available from Premiere Racing). In the event that Class Rules for an eligible one design class conflict with the Special Equipment and Safety Regulations for this event, the Class Rules will take precedence.

18.2 A man overboard procedure shall be practiced aboard each boat at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.

18.3 Retiring. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the race committee on station via hailing or the designated VHF channel and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible she shall promptly report her actions to Acura Race Headquarters on shore.

19 CREW WEIGH-IN / REPLACEMENT OF CREW

19.1 Entrants in the one-design classes that have an established crew weight limit and require weigh-ins must have their crews weighed-in by 0900 Thursday, March 5.

19.2 Crew substitutions are allowed in all one-design classes. In classes that require crew weigh-ins, entrants desiring to substitute crew must have substitute crew members weighed-in prior to 0900 on race day (Friday-Sunday) at Acura Race Headquarters. A crew substitution card, with the name of the substitute (who meets all one-design class requirements) and crew member replaced, must be submitted when being weighed-in and signed by a designated race committee official. Crew substitution cards are available at Acura Race Headquarters.

19.3 A cameraman, approved by Premiere Racing and the class for video taping aboard a boat while racing, will not be counted against the crew weight limits or maximum crew limits for the boat. This modifies rules pertaining to crew weight limits.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, Special Equipment and Safety Regulations, or the sailing instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 All support boats must register at Acura Race Headquarters prior to the close of registration on March 4, 2009.

21.2 Skippers/Owners are responsible for the actions of their support boats. Support boats shall stay 200 feet away from any mark of the course, start and finish line and any boat racing. . Support boats shall not interfere with race committee or official photo boats and shall comply with this instruction and with the oral directives of the race committee on the water. Failure to comply may result in the protest and disqualification of a racing boat associated with any offending support boat.

21.3 Media, photo and spectator boats shall not interfere in any way with boats racing or with the race committee and must comply with this instruction and with the oral directives of the race committee on the water

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out from the start of that boat's first race until the completion of the series without the written approval of the Race Chairman.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 The race committee will use VHF Channel 72 for communication.

23.2 The race committee may not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests, penalties reported, or requests for emergency assistance.

23.3 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

23.4 Competitors shall not use any electronic device (including scanners), with the exception of cell phones, which can receive UHF frequencies from 0900 until racing has concluded on each of the four race days. No competitor shall make radio, cell phone or computer transmissions, or receive radio, cell phone or computer communications during that time frame, except in the case of an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4. The only other exception is that a crew member may place or receive a cell phone call of a personal nature that does not involve the exchange of information that could affect the boat's outcome in the race. The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for all communications activity aboard his/her boat. Boats that do not comply with this instruction will be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

24 PRIZES

24.1 The awards presentation for 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix will take place on Sunday March 8, approximately 90 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

24.2 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.

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

24.4 The 2009 Acura Grand Prix Award will be presented to the Farr 40, and combined IRC class champions with the lowest cumulative points for the Acura Key West 2009 and 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix regattas combined. The 2009 Acura Grand Prix Award will be presented to the Melges 32 class champion with the lowest cumulative points for the 2008 Melges Gold Cup, Acura Key West 2009 and the 2009 Acura Miami Grand Prix regattas combined.

24.5 The Acura Boat of the Week Trophy will be presented to the class winner whose class featured the closest, most competitive racing for the series.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25.2 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 www.premiere-racing.com and on site at Acura Race Headquarters.

EXHIBITS

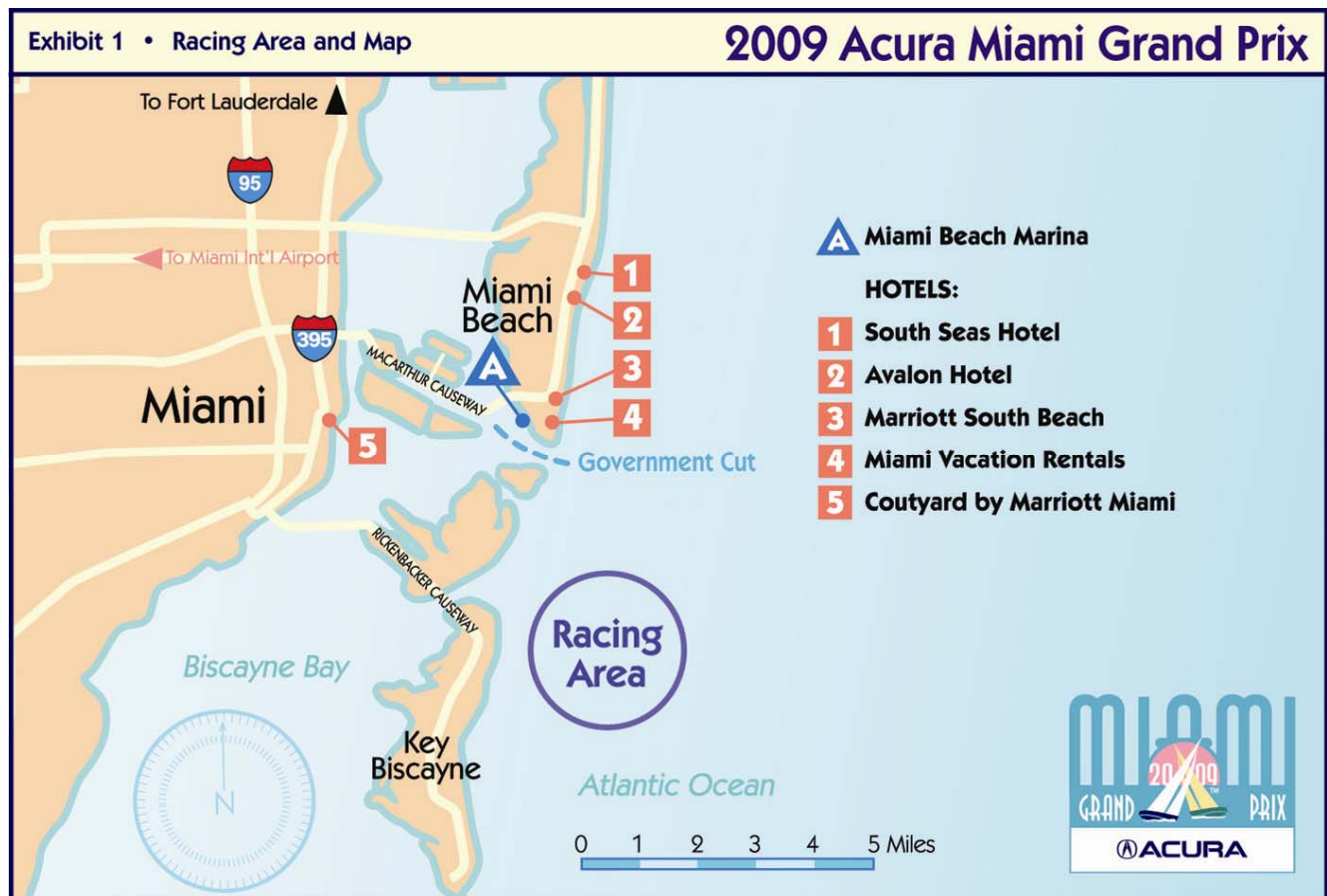


Exhibit 2 • Course Diagrams

Course 4

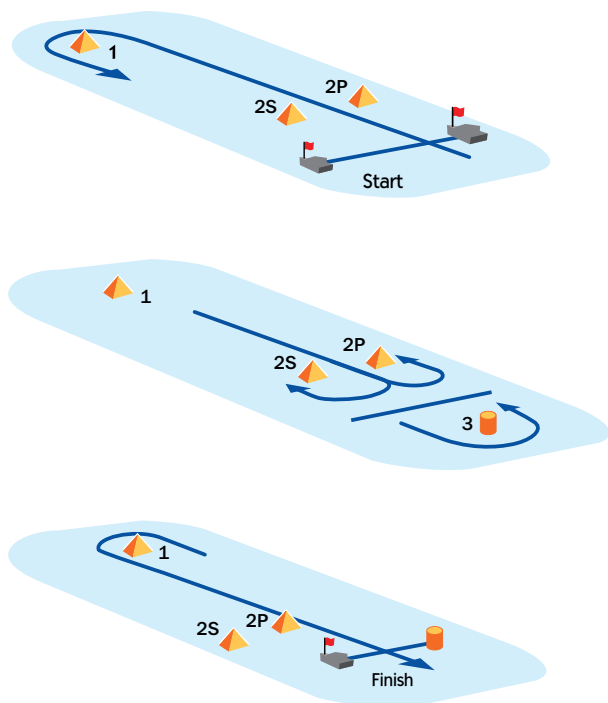
Four (4) LEGS:

Farr 40, Melges 32 & IRC 2 classes:

START – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – FINISH (LEEWARD)

IRC 1 Class:

START – 1 – 3 – 1 – FINISH (LEEWARD)



Course 5

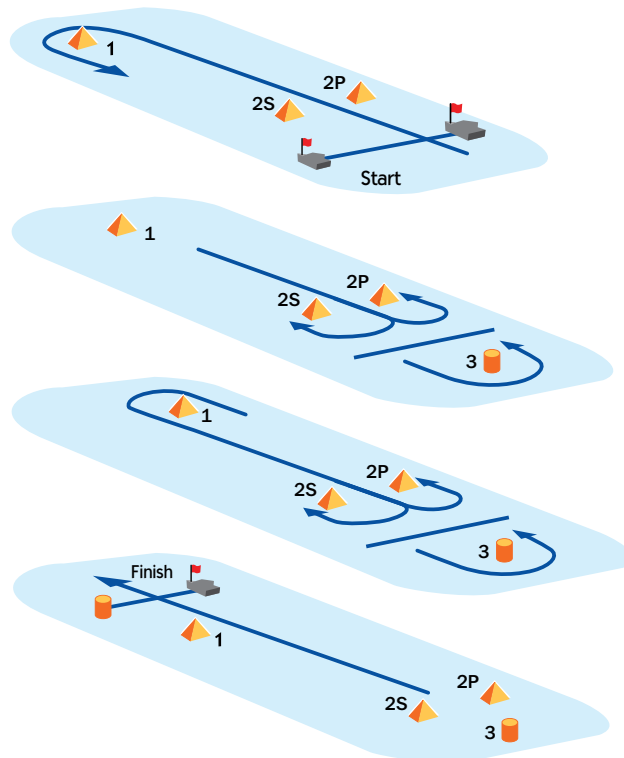
Five (5) LEGS:

Farr 40, Melges 32 & IRC 2 classes:

START – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – FINISH (WINDWARD)

IRC 1 Class:

START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH (WINDWARD)



Course 6

Six (6) LEGS:

Farr 40, Melges 32 & IRC 2 classes:

START – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – FINISH (LEEWARD)

IRC 1 Class:

START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – FINISH (LEEWARD)

Course 3

Three (3) LEGS:

Farr 40, Melges 32 & IRC 2 classes:

START – 1 – 2S/2P – FINISH (WINDWARD)

IRC 1 Class:

START – 1 – 3 – FINISH (WINDWARD)

Exhibit 3 • Sample Course Board Diagram

| A | B–D | (Classes) |
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| 6 | 4 | (Class A sails course 6. Classes B–D sail course 4.) |
| 300 | | (Magnetic bearing to the first mark for all classes is 300. Approximate distance to the first mark for Class A is 2.2 NM and for Classes B–D is 1.7 NM.) |
| 2.2 | 1.7 | |
| 0.4 | | (Distance from the leeward gate to the IRC 1 leeward mark is 0.4 NM.) |

