

QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK 2016

JANUARY 17 – 22, 2016

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE_{v7}

Quantum Key West Race Week 2016 is an international regatta. This event will be organized and conducted by The Storm Trysail Club Inc., which will have the authority to reject or rescind the entry of any boat before the start of the first race. The fleet will be divided into divisions and classes at the discretion of the race committee. 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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Regatta Manager: Bill Canfield
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2 RACE WEEK UPDATES

Periodic updates and the very latest information on the regatta can be found on the event website, keywestraceweek.com; yachtscoring.com and on Facebook.

3 PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

For information on how to campaign your boat in Key West on a reasonable budget, refer to the Logistics section on the event website: keywestraceweek.com. Guidance and information on expense containment and dealing with logistical challenges will be updated throughout the summer and fall.

4 QUANTUM RACE WEEK HEADQUARTERS

Race headquarters, the jury rooms, media center and evening party venue will be located at and adjacent to Kelly's Caribbean at the intersection of Caroline and Whitehead Streets in Old Town Key West.

5 SLIPS/DOCKING

Key West and Stock Island have multiple, viable options for dockage. Boat owners are responsible for arranging their own dock space. Many private marinas do not accept early reservations; however, this does not reflect on the availability of slips during race week. Information regarding Key West and Stock Island marinas and boat launching options can be found on the event website.

Truman Waterfront Property (TWP)

Managed by Storm Trysail Club during the event. Large basin with no draft constraints. Not a private marina with standard marina amenities. Advance registration is required. Space to tie up along inside seawall (no individual slips or floating docks). Large ramp for launching, hauling and dry sailing. Trailer and container storage available. Application available on the event website.

Crane operations and other services (mast stepping, launch-haul by crane) to be provided by Coffin Marine, an independent mobile marina administered by the event (see paragraph 6).

Boats may be staged at TWP from January 2-29, 2016. Coffin Marine services are available from January 11-25, 2016.

6 MOBILE MARINA SERVICES

At Truman Waterfront Property (TWP)

Coffin Marine will be providing mobile marina services. (Crane Launch-Haul / Mast Step / Container load/offload). Coffin Marine will provide a 30 ton crane for launch operation and will add an additional 40 ton crane for hauling. Storm Trysail Club will be administering the Coffin Marina Services in the lead up to race week. Detailed information on services and costs will be posted on the event website:

http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=1390

7 BOAT CHARTER

Entrants looking to charter boats for the event are advised to contact individual classes regarding availability and class requirements. A list will be posted on the Charter section on the event website. Individuals desiring a charter or offering their boat for charter can submit information for posting at no charge.

8 BOAT TRANSPORT – FLORIDA KEYS

Florida Department of Transportation contact information and basic requirements regarding road transport are posted and updated routinely in the Logistics section on the event website. For more information about permit requirements and applications, entrants are advised to apply through the FDOT web site: www.dot.state.fl.us or contact the Florida DOT Permit office at (850) 410-5777 and to ask for a 'Trip Technician.'

U.S. and overseas transport services are posted in the Logistics section on the event website.

9 ACCOMMODATIONS

Please visit the new Accommodations section on the event website for information on a variety of accommodations that will suit every need. The establishments who are part of the Host Hotel and Inns program are some of our most loyal supporters and play a big part in the ability of Storm Trysail Club to organize this event. Please patronize those that support Quantum Key West Race Week. They offer some of the finest accommodations in Key West and are eager to help you make the week more enjoyable. Storm Trysail Club is grateful for their support.

<http://keywestraceweek.com/logistics/accommodations>

10 EVENT NAME AND LOGO

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name - *Quantum Key West Race Week 2016*. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Storm Trysail Club. Except as agreed, any use of the event logo on merchandise or gear is prohibited.

11 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.

12 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Storm Trysail Club for wiring instructions: www.stormtrysail.org

PART 2 RULES AND CONDITIONS

1 MANAGEMENT

Storm Trysail Club is the organizing authority for Quantum Key West Race Week (QKWRW) 2016, the 29th annual race week at Key West.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), the 2015 IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C; the current High Performance Rule; the 2015 ORC Rule and the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (US SER) for Inshore and /or the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4. These requirements and regulations will be posted on the regatta website.

2.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except those posted on the official notice board and the website.

2.3 The first sentence of RRS 49.2 is deleted and replaced with: "Lifelines shall comply with the deflection requirements of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 3.14.2 and competitors shall not position any part of their torsos outside them, except briefly to perform a necessary task."

The third sentence of RRS 49.2 is deleted and replaced with: "If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, they shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the OSR. If HMPE lifelines are fitted they shall have a minimum diameter of 5 mm (3/16 inches) unless otherwise specified by class rules."

2.4 Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is bio-degradable), will be in effect. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that this practice breaks Florida law.

2.5 Specific Class rules or amendments for this event will be posted on the event website and 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 four persons, unless class rules allow fewer crew.

3.3 For boats less than 25 feet skippers and crews shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

3.4 Crew weigh-ins are required for any one-design and handicap classes whose rules specify crew weigh-ins. A list of classes requiring crew weigh-ins will be posted on the event website and updated as the classes confirm their intentions. Location of weigh-ins will be posted.

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 shall so indicate on their entry form. 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 & boom stickers, if provided, while racing.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 Monohull boats are invited to enter in the following classes: One-Design Classes ; IRC; HPR; ORC; with LOA between 18 and 85 feet between hull perpendiculars which submit a completed entry (taking into account eligibility restrictions outlined in NOR Sections 5 and 6).

5.2 Multihull Classes are invited to enter in both one design and handicap classes.

5.3 Other classes may be accepted at the discretion of the event organizer.

- 5.4** This event 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).
- 5.5** The entry deadline is 1700 hours, December 18, 2015. A completed online entry, a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by the deadline to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after December 30, 2015 without an additional surcharge of \$200.
- 5.6** 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 Quantum Race headquarters.

6 RATING AND HANDICAP CLASS ELIGIBILITY, RULES, MEASUREMENT

6.1 IRC

6.1.1 IRC entries with 2015 IRC Certificates on file are invited.

6.1.2 IRC entries should have a minimum TCC of 0.970.

6.1.3 IRC Rating changes may be made after entry, but the final IRC certificate shall be on file at IRC by January 8, 2016, except in the case of rating office error or (at the discretion of the IRC Rating Authority).

6.1.4 IRC crew number and limitations (IRC Rule 22.4): For IRC classes, the maximum total number of crew shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's IRC certificate. This modifies IRC Rule 22.4.2.

6.1.5 For all IRC classes, IRC Rules 21.1.5 (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. The "race day" begins when the race boat leaves the dock each morning.

6.2 ORC CLASSES

Classes will be offered in both ORC Club and ORCi for entries with valid 2015 certificates: for more information contact your national rating office or visit www.orc.org. **USA PHRF boats are invited to obtain ORC Club certificates by applying for a certificate online at this link: www.orc.org/clubapplication.**

6.3 HIGH PERFORMANCE CLASS

6.3.1 The High Performance handicap class will race under the High Performance Rule (HPR). The latest version of the HPR Rule and Rule Calculator used for ratings can be found at the HPR website at www.hprsailing.org.

6.3.1 Crew weight limits are declared by each team and will be listed on each entry's HPR certificate.

6.3.2 All rating information for HPR class entries shall be submitted to the HPR Rule authority (US Sailing) by January 8, 2016 so that official certificates may be issued prior to the event. The current HPR rule calculator is v4h1. The rule version may evolve further and if so will be updated on the HPR website.

6.4 PERFORMANCE CRUISING CLASSES

Racing will be offered in ORC Club for classes wishing to race one distance race each day.

7 FEES

7.1 The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39'); Entry Fees are:

18–26 feet LOA: \$24.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before September 1, 2015. For entries paid after September 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$28.00 per foot LOA. For entries paid after December 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$32.00 per foot LOA.

27–45 feet LOA: \$34.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before September 1, 2015. For entries paid after September 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$38.00 per foot LOA. For entries paid after December 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$42.00 per foot LOA.

46–85 feet LOA: \$44.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before September 1, 2015. For entries paid after September 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$48.00 per foot LOA. For entries paid after December 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$52.00 per foot LOA.

7.2 For Classes racing only 3 days (see NOR 8) and for Performance Cruising Classes racing one race per day, Entry Fees are:

19–45 feet LOA: \$20.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before September 1, 2015. For entries paid after September 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$23.00 per foot LOA. For entries paid after December 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$26.00 per foot LOA.

46–85 feet LOA: \$30.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before September 1, 2015. For entries paid after September 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$33.00 per foot LOA. For entries paid after December 1, 2015, the entry fee will be \$36.00 per foot LOA.

7.3 An administrative fee of \$250.00 will be applied to all cancellations.

8 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 15

1300-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In / Bow Stickers, Boom Stickers &
Bow Numbers Available for Pre-Registration Pick Up

Saturday, January 16

0900-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In / Bow Stickers &
Numbers Available for Pre-Registration Pick Up

Sunday, January 17

0900-1800 One-Design Crew Weigh-In
0900-1700 Registration / Check-in

1630-1730 Panel Discussion
1730-1745 Skippers' Meeting
1745-1930 Welcoming Reception

Monday-Friday, January 18 - 22

1015 Harbor Start
1130-1600 Racing
1730-1930 Shore side Activities, Prize Giving & Evening Party

Wednesday-Friday, January 20 – 22 (Classes racing three days only)

1015 Harbor Start
1130-1600 Racing
1730-1930 Shore side Activities, Prize Giving & Evening Party

Ten races are scheduled of which three must be completed to constitute a series. Any one-design class seeking more than ten races for their series shall notify the event organizer no later than October 31, 2015.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or about January 2, 2016 on the event web site and at Quantum Key West Race Headquarters beginning on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

10 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 10.1** It is anticipated that there will be up to five separate racing areas and distance race courses for the Performance Cruising Classes. A distance race may be scheduled on one day, for other classes. Preliminary class assignments will be posted on the event web site on or about November 1, 2015.
- 10.2** In addition to windward/leeward courses and the Performance Cruising distance races, those classes sailing windward/leeward courses may sail courses with one or more reaching legs ('Harry-A' or 'Gold Cup' type courses).

11 SCORING

- 11.1** All handicap classes will be scored Time-on-Time.
- 11.2** Unless class rules prescribe otherwise, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

When an international jury is constituted in accordance with rule 70.5, 91(b) and Appendix N its decisions are final.

13 ARBITRATION

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2, a short arbitration meeting 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** Storm Trysail Club and participating sponsors and industry partners of Quantum Key West Race Week 2016 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** For classes with 8 or more entries, class awards will be presented to first, second and third place boats each day.
- 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 after the final race.
- 15.3** For classes with fewer than eight entries, daily and series awards for first and second place boats will be awarded.
- 15.4** Special awards recognizing sportsmanship and contributions to the sport of sailing may be presented at the final awards ceremony.
- 15.5** A Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer in the opinion of the event organizer.
- 15.6** The Quantum Boat of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of Quantum Key West Race Week in the opinion of the event organizer.
- 15.7** A Corinthian Boat of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the best overall Corinthian performer, in the opinion of the event organizer. Entries interested in being eligible for this prize must have only current ISAF Group 1 sailors on board, and submit their crew lists by Friday, January 8th to confirm Group 1 status among all listed crew.