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It is with great pleasure that we announce the 26th Edition of North America's premiere winter regatta – *Quantum Key West 2013*.

Beautiful Key West, with its warm temperatures, dependable breezes and stunning blue water, is an ideal winter get-away. The quality of the competition at this renowned regatta is always superb. Racing sailors from across the country and around the world will gather to compete against the very best during the day and enjoy that which is uniquely Key West at night. What better way to kick off your racing calendar in 2013!

One Design, IRC, and PHRF fleets featuring the latest designs and technology will come together for championship caliber competition conducted by Premiere Racing's highly regarded race management team.

As always in Key West, the 2013 edition will offer some exciting options and positive changes. We'll continue with distinct PHRF rating bands and based on a current, popular trend, time on time scoring for these classes. The exciting high performance class will return, handicapped and scored under the new HPR, as will the successful J/Boat specific class. As always, one-design classes across the board will feature elite competition with the innovative new J/70 making their class debut.

A sincere thank you goes out to our Sponsors and Industry Partners. Their support and participation plays a very significant role in our ability to bring you this world-class event. A special thank you goes out to the *Quantum Sail Design Group* for returning in the important title sponsor role. We are grateful for the continued participation of the *Florida Keys Tourism Council*, *B&G*, *Gill/Layline*, *Lewmar/Navtec*, *Marlow Ropes*, *Mount Gay Rum* and *Nautica Watches*. Premiere Racing's *Industry Partner Program* has an all-star line-up of sailing industry leaders. Please be sure to keep all of these participating companies on your list of preferred vendors.

If you've raced with us in the past, we hope to see you again next January. If you are new to Key West, we look forward to introducing you to all that makes race week the celebrated regatta it is to so many racing sailors around the world. We encourage you to check the event website at premiere-racing.com throughout the lead up to *Quantum Key West 2013* for updates on racing news and logistics.

Please know that your Premiere Racing team will do everything possible to ensure that your experience is a memorable one.

Sincerely yours,

Peter

Peter S. Craig,
Event Director & Race Chairman



QUANTUM KEY WEST 2013

JANUARY 20 – 25, 2013

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

Quantum Key West 2013 is an international regatta. 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. 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:

Premiere Racing, Inc.
Post Office Box 1067
67B Front Street
Marblehead, MA 01945 USA

Tel: (781) 639-9545
Fax: (781) 639-9171
Email: kwinfo@premiere-racing.com
Web: www.premiere-racing.com

Event Director & Race Chairman: Peter S. Craig

2.) RACE WEEK UPDATES

Periodic updates and the very latest information on the regatta can be found on the event pages on Premiere Racing's website: www.premiere-racing.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. Guidance and information on expense containment and dealing with logistical challenges will be updated throughout the summer and fall.

4.) QUANTUM RACE 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.

Historic Seaport Marina

Official Marina located in the "Key West Bight", this city-owned facility features slips, dock space and rafting. Application will be available on the event website.

Tel: (305) 809-3983
Fax: (305) 293-8369
Email: keywestbightmarina@keywestcity.com

Additional Marinas

Information regarding additional Key West and Stock Island marinas and boat launching options can be found on the event website.

Truman Waterfront Property

Managed by Premiere Racing 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.

Facility is available from January 10-30, 2013.

Premiere Racing

Tel: (781) 639-9545

Fax: (781) 639-9171

Email: kwinfo@premiere-racing.com

6.) MOBILE MARINA SERVICES

At Truman Waterfront Property

Coffin Marine will be providing mobile marina services for the fourth consecutive year. (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. Detailed information on services and costs will be available and will be posted on the event website and www.coffinmarine.com.

Coffin Marine

Tel: (305) 872-8863

Fax: (305) 872-5613

Email: coffinjohn@aol.com

Web: www.coffinmarine.com

7.) BOAT CHARTER

Entrants looking to charter boats for the event are advised to contact individual classes regarding availability and class requirements. A partial list is provided below and updates will be posted on the Charter section on the event website:

J/80 – J/World Annapolis

Contact: Jeff Jordan

Call: (800) 966-2038

Email: jeff@jworldannapolis.com

Melges 24 and 32

Melges Performance Sailboats

Call: (262) 275-1110 or go to www.melges.com

Classified postings on www.melges24.com & www.melges32.com

Farr 40 – Staggy Yachts

Contact: Tink Chambers

Call: (410) 268-1001

Email: tink@staggyachts.com

Web: www.farr40.org

Private charter listings are posted in 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.

Email: jeanne@premiere-racing.com

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 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

For information regarding crew accommodations contact The Accommodation Center. The Accommodation Center is a no-fee service, working in cooperation with the race week organizers to provide accommodations for competitors, sponsors and spectators. Open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm EST and Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm EST.

Accommodation Center

Toll free: (877) 546-5824

Office: (305) 296-4887

Fax: (305) 294-7356

Email: info@accommodationskeywest.com

Web: www.accommodationskeywest.com

Premiere Racing would like to acknowledge and thank the Key West Inns and Hotels that support race week. Please patronize those that support Race Week and visit the Accommodations section on the event website for additional information on these establishments.

10.) TRANSPORTATION

American Airlines is the Official Carrier. Use promotion code A3413BP for a 5% discount. Details and any other available group discounts for travel or vehicle rentals will be posted on the Logistics section on the event website.

11.) EVENT NAME

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta’s official name - *Quantum Key West 2013*. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Premiere Racing.

12.) 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.

13.) WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Contact Premiere Racing for wiring instructions.

PART 2 RULES & CONDITIONS

1.) MANAGEMENT

Premiere Racing is the Organizing Authority for Quantum Key West 2013, the 26th annual race week at Key West.

2.) RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), the 2012 IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C, the PHRF Rules and Regulations, the High Performance Rule, and the 2013 Key West Safety Requirements.

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 are included in their entirety on the event website as an appendix to the Sailing Instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.

2.3 The second sentence of rule 49.2 is changed to read: "On boats equipped with upper and lower lifelines of wire or rope as specified in ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2012-2013 (para 3.14.6), a competitor sitting on the deck facing outboard with his waist inside the lower lifeline may have the upper part of his body outside the upper lifelines."

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, except the J/70, J/80 and Melges 24 classes, which shall be sailed by at least 3 persons.

3.3 J/70 and Melges 24 skippers and crews shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while racing.

3.4 Crew weigh-ins are required for the Farr 30, Farr 40, J/105, J/80, Melges 24, Melges 32 and Swan 42 classes and any other One Design and Handicap classes whose rules specify crew weigh-ins.

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, but there is no advertising 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 Quantum Key West 2013 is open to One Design and IRC, HP, J/Boats and PHRF handicapped monohull boats, 24-85 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars, and J/70 one design boats, that submit a completed entry (taking into account eligibility restrictions outlined in NOR Sections 5 and 6). The preliminary scratch sheet will be posted on the event website on or before December 30, 2012.

5.2 Quantum Key West 2013 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, December 21, 2012. A completed entry (form or online), a signed waiver form and the entry fee must be received by Premiere Racing by the deadline to avoid the late fee of \$200. No entries will be accepted after December 30, 2012 without an additional surcharge. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after entry receipt.

5.4 The following one design classes are invited to participate: Farr 30, Farr 40, Farr 400, J/105, J/70, J/80, Melges 32, Melges 24, and Swan 42. At the discretion of the Race Chairman, additional one design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level, with a minimum of 8 entries, will be provided a separate class start or scored as a separate sub-class within their class based on the number of entries and established classes.

5.5 Boats racing under the following handicap rules are invited to participate: IRC, PHRF, High Performance Rule, J/Boats Special Handicap Rule. Information regarding eligibility requirements for these four rules and Quantum Key West 2013 can be found in NOR Section 6.

5.6 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

5.6.1 Key West 2013 may feature an International Team Competition. The competition will be based upon cumulative scoring of national/regional teams composed of two or three boats competing in separate classes, provided there are sufficient international entries in each class. The participating classes may be selected from the IRC, Farr 40, Melges 32 and Melges 24 classes. Based upon final entries, the participating classes may be changed at the discretion of the Race Chairman. Each country/region may enter as many as three teams of boats. Teams may be nominated from geographically recognized regions such as Europe or the Pacific Rim when there are not sufficient boats from a single country represented to constitute a three-boat team.

5.6.2 The Event Organizer will determine whether there will be an International Competition and the classes participating by December 21, 2012. Team nominations should be received in writing no later than December 10, 2012. Team applications will be available by contacting Premiere Racing.

5.6.3 If a three boat team cannot be created from one country or region, two of the three boats on each team may hail from or be chartered by representatives from the country or region represented. At least 30% of the crew members from those two boats should be nationals or legal residents of that country or region.

5.7 Each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall execute a waiver of liability and media release / crew waiver. This form will be available on the event website and on site at Quantum Race Headquarters.

6.) HANDICAP CLASS ELIGIBILITY, RULES, MEASUREMENT

6.1 IRC

6.1.1 The IRC Rating Authority has directed that the 2012 IRC Rules shall apply and that the validity of the 2012 IRC certificates is extended for the purpose of the Quantum Key West 2013.

6.1.2 IRC entries must have a minimum TCC of 0.970. It is the intent of the event organizer to offer separate IRC starts and scoring for a Mini Maxi and 52 class. Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2012 valid 'endorsed' IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form prior to the December 21, 2012 deadline. IRC rating applications and information on time constraints for submitting a fully completed, measurer verified IRC application for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800 or irc@ussailing.org). Boats from other nations should consult their IRC Rule Authority (see www.ircrating.org).

6.1.3 Rating changes may be submitted to IRC Rule Authorities after the December 21 certificate deadline, with the final deadline for providing a changed IRC rating certificate to the Event Organizer being January 11, 2013. Except in the case of Rating Office error or (at the discretion of the IRC Rating Authority) other errors, which change the TCC, no IRC rating certificate will be accepted by the Event Organizer after January 11. Entrants are responsible for determining time constraints for processing certificates and any expedited processing fees from the appropriate IRC Rule Authority and /or 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 the 'IRC Big Boat Classes' (the Mini Maxi and 52 classes) only, 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.

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

6.2 PHRF

6.2.1 The Event Organizer will offer PHRF racing based on specific handicap ranges if critical mass is achieved for these specific ranges. The preliminary handicap ranges are listed below along with typical boat models that could race in these classes. The Event Organizer reserves the right to adjust these ranges and boat types based on entries. A minimum of 8 boats is necessary to establish a PHRF class. PHRF owners are asked to pre-register as early as possible to help others gauge the level of interest in PHRF racing.

PHRF 1: (-10 to 35) Farr 395 / J/125 / IMS 40's / 1D35 / Beneteau 47.7 / Tripp 40

PHRF 2: (36 to 75) Beneteau 40.7 / Andrews 38 / Sydney 36 / Aerodyne 38

PHRF 3: (76 to 120) Soverel 33 / Evelyn 32 / Olson 30 / Cape Fear 38 / Hobie 33 / C&C 37/40 WK

6.2.2 The Key West PHRF Rules and Regulations, which include PHRF crew weight limitations, are posted on the event website. Premiere Racing's Key West PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF handicaps for this event. The Consortium will be comprised of approximately eight members from different PHRF regions across the country. Any questions pertaining to PHRF issues should be referred to Premiere Racing and not to the individual members of the Consortium.

6.2.3 Entrants who competed in Key West 2012 and/or 2011 and whose boats will be in the identical configuration do not need to submit the full handicap application. They must instead submit the renewal application and all current PHRF handicap certificates. All other PHRF entrants must submit a completed PHRF handicap application and all current PHRF handicap certificates prior to the December 21, 2012 entry deadline. After that date a late fee of US\$100 must accompany the PHRF application. Current local certificate(s) are required of all PHRF entries for measurement verification only. Assigned handicaps may differ from local handicaps and from previous Key West handicaps in the case of a renewal application. A Key West PHRF certificate will be sent to entrants after the Consortium has assigned a handicap and all certificates will be posted on the event website. PHRF entrants should not wait for their Key West handicap certificate before submitting their entry.

6.2.4 PHRF handicapping and appeal procedures will be posted on the event website.

6.2.5 PHRF classes will be scored using the handicaps provided by the Key West PHRF Consortium using time on time scoring.

6.3 J/BOATS HANDICAP CLASS

6.3.1 The Event Organizer will offer a separate J/Boats specific handicap class. J/Boat models will include the J/111, J/122, J/120 and J/109. The Event Organizer reserves the right to adjust boat models based on entries. J/Boats will provide details on the handicapping procedures no later than September 1, 2012 (posted on the event website). Separate scoring for one design models will also be offered within the J/Boats handicap class. A minimum of 8 boats are necessary to establish a J/Boats specific handicap class.

6.3.2 The J/Boats specific handicap class will have maximum crew weight limits listed in the event PHRF Rules and Regulations. A special J/Boats Rating Consortium will assign handicaps for this event. The composition of the consortium will be posted on the event website not later than September 1, 2012.

6.3.3 The J/Boats specific handicap classes' handicapping and appeal procedures will be posted on the event website.

6.3.4 The J/Boats specific handicap classes will be scored using handicaps provided by the special J/Boats Handicapping Consortium using time on time scoring.

6.4 HIGH PERFORMANCE CLASS

6.4.1 There will be a High Performance handicap class offered for light displacement boats with LOA ranging from approximately 26-45 feet and an approximate PHRF handicap range of -10 to -70. Typical boat models for this class would include the Carkeek 40, Carkeek 45, Farr 400, GP26, GP42, J/145, J/125, McConaghy 38, R/P 45 and Soto 40 among others.

6.4.2 The High Performance handicap class will race under the High Performance Rule (HPR). A link to the HPR website www.hprsailing.org will be posted on the event website not later than October 1, 2012.

6.4.3 The High Performance handicap class handicapping procedures and crew weight limits will be posted on the event website. HPR boats must be measured.

6.4.4 The High Performance handicap class will be scored using handicaps provided by the 'High Performance Rule' using time on time scoring.

7.) FEES

The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fee, based on class, is delineated below.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>
J/70	\$700*		
Melges 24 and J/80	\$750	PHRF 3	\$850
J/105	\$850	PHRF 2	\$950
Farr 30	\$950	PHRF 1	\$1,050
Melges 32	\$1,050	IRC 3	\$1,200
J/Boats Class	\$1,050	High Performance	\$1,500
Farr 40	\$1,500	52 Class (IRC 2)	\$2,300
Swan 42	\$1,500	Mini Maxi Class (IRC 1)	\$3,000

**Includes ramp drysail & trailer storage*

8.) PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20

0800-0900 Filing of PHRF Handicap Appeals
0900-1200 PHRF Handicap Appeal Hearings
0900-1800 One Design Crew Weigh-In
0900-1700 Registration / Check-in

1600-1700 Panel Discussion
1700-1730 Skippers' Meeting
1730-1930 Welcoming Reception

Monday-Friday, January 21 - 25

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

9.) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or about January 2, 2013 on the event website and at Quantum Race Headquarters beginning on Saturday, January 19, 2013.

10.) RACING AREAS

It is anticipated that there will be four separate racing areas, one for each Division. As entries and class splits are not known this far in advance, it is not possible to assign definitive racing areas in advance for all One Design and Handicapped classes. The J/70 class will have a separate Division. The preliminary class assignments will be posted on the event website on or about November 1, 2012.

11.) SCORING

11.1 Ten races are scheduled of which three must be completed to constitute a series. A maximum of three races may be held on any race day. Any one design class seeking more or less than ten races for their series must notify the Event Organizer no later than October 31, 2012.

11.2 For the Melges 32, Melges 24 and J/70 classes, 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 six races are completed. For all other classes, 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 rules 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 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 Quantum Key West 2013 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 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 Specialty Trophies:

15.4.1 Boats competing in IRC classes will be eligible for the 2013 IRC Midwinter Championship award.

15.4.2 The following one-design classes have designated Quantum Key West 2013 their Midwinter Championship: Farr 30; Farr 40; J/80; J/70; Melges 24; Melges 32.

15.4.3 Special awards recognizing sportsmanship and contributions to the sport of sailing may be presented at the Skippers' Meeting.

15.4.4 A Boat of the Day award will be presented for each day's top performer.

15.4.5 The International Team Trophy may be awarded to the first place team (see NOR 5.6).

15.4.6 The prestigious Quantum Boat of the Week Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of Key West Race Week.

16.) AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

Premiere Racing reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice made prior to January 18, 2013 will be posted on the event website. All amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Quantum Race Headquarters.