



AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Panel Discussions, Weather Briefings & more...

Sunday, January 20

CITY OF KEY WEST DAY

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Winning Tactics in Key West

Panel Discussion Presented by North Sails & Kattack

What do champion tacticians and skippers do differently to prepare for the challenges presented with Key West racing? A podium finish in Key West will be a significant accomplishment in any of the 16 classes. Kattack will provide some fascinating race tracking from 2007 to help illustrate some of the unique Key West tactical challenges. One sure way to enhance your chances this week is to stop by the Race Week Tent just prior to the Skipper's Meeting and hear from proven winners. Join this distinguished panel of champions - as they provide insight and take your questions about race week preparation and the tactical intricacies and challenges that Key West presents.

Moderator: Andreas Josenhans

Panel: Paul Cayard Terry Hutchinson
Peter Isler Larry Leonard
Riccardo Simoneschi Kimo Worthington

Monday through Thursday

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Weather – Daily Debrief and Following Day's Forecast

Commanders' Weather

Join George Caras and Tom Mattus of Commander's Weather for a debrief on the daily weather and why it was precisely what was predicted... or not. The discussion (at the Dimension-Polyant tent in the Industry Partner Area) will include a look ahead to what Mother Nature will bring to your race course the following day with questions and audience interaction welcome.

Monday, January 21

NAUTICA WATCHES DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

An Interactive Sailing Fitness Seminar

SailTrim's Jennifer Langille

Join Jennifer Langille of SailTrim.Org as she presents tips and tricks in addressing the aches and pains of sailboat racing. This will be an interactive seminar presenting "How-To" for when the boat bites back and Mother Nature gets the upper hand. There will be information and techniques shared for immediate use in on the water and dockside care. The seminar is meant to be very informative with a healthy dose of fun. Jennifer is a Certified Sports Therapist, active One Design sailor and owner of SailTrim.Org.

Weather – Monday Debrief and Tuesday Forecast

Commanders' Weather

Tuesday, January 22

SPERRY TOP-SIDER DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

2007 Acura Key West & Miami Grand Prix

An afternoon at the movies courtesy of Jobson Sailing

Grab some popcorn and a cold beer and take in last years' racing action in Key West and Miami. The two shows, which aired on ESPN 2, include great footage from on board cameramen, installed cameras and aerial footage from the chopper. Coverage includes the Farr 40, IRC 1, Melges 32, M30, PHRF, Melges 24 and J/105 classes.

Weather – Tuesday Debrief and Wednesday Forecast

Commanders' Weather

Wednesday, January 23

MOUNT GAY RUM DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Designing for Extreme Performance & World Class Racing **Panel Discussion by Dyneema®**

Dyneema is five times stronger than steel by weight, has a density less than water, remains unaffected by exposure to salt and sun, has extremely low frictional resistance, and outstanding flexural strength, among other qualities. This has made it ideal for use in running rigging applications, and recent advances in sailcloth fabrication hold promise for bringing these outstanding qualities into sails as well. Will there be sails at Key West '09 made from Dyneema? Join our panel discussion to hear the opinions and projections from experts at North, Quantum, DSM Dyneema and Dimension-Polyant discuss the possibilities.

Moderator: Dobbs Davis – Editor, Seahorse International

Panel: Tom Davis (North Cloth) Moose McKlintock (Dimension/Polyant)
 Daniela Ribezzo (DSM Dyneema) Dave Armitage (Quantum Sails)
 Paul Westlake (North Sails)

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Weather – Wednesday Debrief and Thursday Forecast

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Join the Commanders' Weather team and debrief on another day of racing in Key West and learn what to look for on Thursday during an informal session that will include questions and audience interaction.

Thursday, January 24

LEWMAR DAY

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Rating Rules: Single Number or Matrix, Science or Séance?

As long as there are dissimilar boats to race, there will be debates on how to rate them fairly. Is the science of how boats perform advanced enough to be used in an objective, matrix-based system, or is this simply too complex? Is the single number approach a sensible compromise, or is it too simplistic to work for all types of courses and conditions? And why should the rating be different here in Key West than it is at home...or anywhere else in the world? Join us and our expert panelists for what promises to be a lively discussion on the relative merits of PHRF, IRC, ORR, and the newest edition of VPP-based handicaps, ORC International. We will explore the pros and cons of each, and offer some insight on how the results at Race Week may vary under different handicap systems.

Moderator: Dobbs Davis – Editor, Seahorse International

Panel: Wolfgang Schaeffer (ORC Board)
 Nicola Sironi (ORC Chief Measurer)
 Barry Carroll (US IRC Technical Director)
 Steve Benjamin (North Sails)
 Bruce Bingman (Chairman, PHRF Consortium)
 Jim Teeters (ORR)
 Dan Nowlan (US Sailing Offshore Director)

Weather – Thursday Debrief and Friday Forecast

Here's your last chance to get the "weather edge" as you prepare for the final day of racing. Join the Commanders' Weather team to debrief on Thursday's weather and learn what to look for on Friday. The informal session that will include questions and audience interaction.

Afternoon panel discussions will be held under the reception tent or the D/P tent in the Industry Partner Area at the Historic Seaport. Details, including updated panel composition, can be found at Race Headquarters, on the Notice Board, and in each issue of Race Week News. Complimentary beer will be served.