



US-IRC GULF STREAM SERIES 2009

The **Gulf Stream Series** is sailed exclusively under IRC www.us-irc.org

Open to all yachts that hold an endorsed IRC Certificate and are eligible to race in the events that comprise the Gulf Stream Series.

All yachts will race as individual entries, but are encouraged to form two-boat teams representing nations, yacht clubs, or other yachting associations to compete for the **“Gulf Stream Series Trophy”** and the **“Gulf Stream Series TEAM Trophy”**

The Gulf Stream Series includes these events:

Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, January 14, 2009

Acura Key West Race Week, January 19-23, 2009

Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race, February 6, 2009

Miami to Nassau Race, February 6-10, 2009

International Rolex Regatta, St Thomas, March 27-29, 2009

Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race, April 08-11, 2009

Charleston Race Week, April 16-19, 2009

American Yacht Club Spring Series, April 25-26 / May 2-3, 2009

Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race, May 22, 2009

Annapolis to Newport Race, June 5, 2009

New York Yacht Club's 155th Annual Regatta presented by Rolex, June 12-14, 2009

Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week XXIII presented by Rolex, June 21-26, 2009

Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race, July 5, 2009

Ida Lewis Distance Race, August 21, 2009

Stamford Yacht Club Vineyard Race, August 31 2007

American Yacht Club Fall Series, Sept 19-20 / Sep 26-27, 2009

Storm Trysail Club IRC East Coast Championship, Annapolis, Oct 30-Nov 01 2009

1. ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to individual yachts holding an IRC ENDORSED certificate that qualify for entry in the individual events that comprise the Gulf Stream Series.

2. TEAMS

Gulf Stream Series – Teams may compete for the Gulf Stream Team Trophy. Teams representing nations, yacht clubs or other yachting associations shall consist of any two eligible yachts. Team members shall participate as individual entries; each member does not have to participate in the same events as their team member.

3. RULES

- 3.1 Valid endorsed 2008 certificates may be used for the following races:

The Lauderdale to Key West Race

All IRC races of Acura Key West 2008

All other events require 2009 endorsed certificates to qualify for this series.

4. ENTRIES, CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Individual yacht entries for the Gulf Stream Series shall be made on line at www.us-irc.org select the link to “Gulf Stream Series”.

- 4.2 Gulf Stream Series TEAM entries shall be made on line at www.us-irc.org select the link to “Gulf Stream Series”.

- 4.3 The entry fee for each participating yacht is free.

5. SCORING

- 5.1 The series will be scored based upon the results of completed events as follows: each yacht must race in, and comply with requirements for, all GROUPS.

GROUP (1) Medium Distance Races

Each competitor shall complete **one** race of the following races,

Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race

OR Miami to Nassau Race

OR The Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race

OR Stamford Yacht Club’s Vineyard Race

OR Ida Lewis Distance Race

GROUP (2) Long Distance Races

Each competitor shall complete **one** race of the following races:

Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race

OR Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race

OR The Annapolis to Newport Race

OR The Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race

GROUP (3) Other Events

Each competitor shall complete **three** of the following series:

Acura Key West Race Week **OR**
International Rolex Regatta, St Thomas **OR**
Charleston Race Week **OR**
American Yacht Club's Spring Series **OR**
New York Yacht Club's 155th Annual Regatta presented by Rolex **OR**
Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week presented by Rolex **OR**
American Yacht Club's Fall Series **OR**
Storm Trysail Club IRC East Coast Championship

- 5.2 Yachts finishing more than the minimum number of events in any group may discard their worst score(s) in that group.
- 5.3 Each yacht's individual score in the **distance races, Groups 1 & 2**, will be determined by her finish position in the endorsed certificate IRC fleet divided by the number of starters in that fleet.
- 5.4 Each yacht's individual score **in regattas in Group 3** will be her overall finish position within the IRC Endorsed yachts within her class divided by the number of IRC Endorsed yacht starters in that class.
- 5.5 Each yacht's score for the Gulf Stream Series will be the sum of its points of its qualifying events. The lowest score wins.
- 5.6 Each team's scores will be the sum of each yacht's individual qualifying scores as described in paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4.
- 5.7 **Organizing Authorities** shall ensure that each **FLEET in Groups 1 & 2** events shall start with a minimum of 5 yachts with IRC endorsed certificates, if the event is to qualify for the series.
- 5.8 **Organizing Authorities** will endeavor to ensure that each **CLASS in Group 3** shall start with 5 or more yachts with IRC endorsed certificates, if there are less than five yachts in their class those yachts cannot count that event in their series.

6. PRIZES

The *Gulf Stream Trophy* will be awarded to the yacht with the best score in the **Gulf Stream Series**.

The *Gulf Stream Team Trophy* will be awarded to the team having the best combined score in the **Gulf Stream Series**. Prizes will be awarded to each yacht on the winning team.

7. PRIZE AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded at the New York Yacht Club annual awards dinner at their 44th St Clubhouse in New York City on November 5, 2009. All winners will be invited to attend.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information on individual events please visit the following websites:

Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club - www.keywestrace.org

New York Yacht Club - www.nyyc.org

International Rolex Regatta - www.rolexcupregatta.com

Acura Key West 2009 - www.premiere-racing.com

Miami to Nassau Race - www.miaminassauraceweek.com

Storm Trysail Club - www.stormtrysail.org

The Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race - www.fortlauderdaletocharlestonrace.org

Charleston Race Week - www.charlestonraceweek.org

American Yacht Club Spring/Fall Series - www.americanyac.com

Stamford Yacht Club Vineyard Race - www.stamfordyc.com

Ida Lewis Distance Race - www.ildistancerace.org

Pineapple Cup - www.montegobayrace.com

Annapolis Newport - www.race.annapolisyc.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=46

Marblehead to Halifax - www.marbleheadtohalifax.com