



## **US-IRC GULF STREAM SERIES 2010**

The **Gulf Stream Series** is a Season Championship sailed exclusively under the **IRC Rule**

**Open to all yachts holding an endorsed IRC Certificate and who compete in the specified events that comprise the Gulf Stream Series.**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

The series is open to yachts holding a valid IRC endorsed certificate that enter in the required number of individual events that comprise the Gulf Stream Series.

### **2. RULES**

- 2.1 Valid endorsed 2009 Endorsed Certificates may be used for the following races:  
STC Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race  
Key West Race Week

All other events require a valid 2010 Endorsed Certificates to qualify for this series. While Endorsed Certificates are not necessarily required by the individual events, competitors must race with Endorsed Certificates if they wish their results to count toward the Gulf Stream Series.

### **3. ENTRIES, CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 Yachts entering any of the selected events in the Gulf Stream Series shall be deemed to be entered in the 2010 Gulf Stream Series.
- 3.3 There is no charge to participate in the Gulf Stream Series. Prizes are donated by the US-IRC Foundation.

### **4. SCORING**

- 4.1 The series will be scored based upon the results of completed events as follows:  
To qualify for the Gulf Stream Series, a yacht must race with an Endorsed Certificate in, and comply with requirements for ALL groups.

#### **GROUP 1 - Buoy Regattas**

Each competitor shall complete in any **FIVE** of the following events:

Key West Race Week  
Miami Grand Prix  
International Rolex Regatta  
Charleston Race Week  
American Y.C. Spring Series  
New York Y.C. Annual Regatta  
New York Y.C. Race Week / Rolex US-IRC National Championship  
US-IRC Long Island Sound Championship  
American Y.C. Fall Series  
STC IRC East Coast Championship (hosted by Annapolis Y.C.)

**GROUP 2 - Medium Distance Races**

Each competitor shall complete in any **TWO** of the following events:

STC Fort Lauderdale to Key West  
Miami to Nassau Race  
STC Block Island Race  
Around Long Island Regatta  
Ida Lewis Distance Race  
Stamford Vineyard Race

**GROUP 3 - Long Distance Races**

Each competitor shall complete in any **ONE** of the following events:

Newport to Bermuda Race  
Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race  
RORC Caribbean 600

- 4.2 Yachts competing in more than the minimum number of events in any group may discard their worst score(s) in that group.
- 4.3 Each yacht's individual score in the **distance races, Groups 2 and 3**, will be determined by her finish position in the overall IRC fleet divided by the number of starters in that overall IRC fleet.
- 4.4 Each yacht's individual score **in regattas in Group 1** will be her overall finish position within the IRC yachts within her class divided by the number of IRC yachts starting in that class.
- 4.5 Each yacht's score for the Gulf Stream Series will be the sum of her points of her qualifying events. The lowest score wins.
- 4.6 Organizing Authorities shall ensure that each FLEET in Group 2 and 3 events shall start with a minimum of 5 yachts with IRC certificates, if the event is to qualify for the Gulf Stream Series.
- 4.7 Organizing Authorities shall endeavor to ensure that each CLASS in Group 1 shall start with 5 or more yachts with valid IRC certificates, if there are less than five yachts in their class those yachts cannot count that event in their Gulf Stream series.

**5. PRIZES**

The *Gulf Stream Trophy* will be awarded to the yacht with the best score in the Gulf Stream Series for 2010.

**6. PRIZE AWARDS**

Prizes will be awarded at the New York Yacht Club annual awards dinner at their 44<sup>th</sup> St Clubhouse in New York City in November, 2010. All prize-winners will be invited to attend.

**7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

**Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club** - [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org)

**New York Yacht Club** - [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org)

**International Rolex Regatta** - [www.rolexcupregatta.com](http://www.rolexcupregatta.com)

**Acura Key West 2010** - [www.premiere-racing.com](http://www.premiere-racing.com)

**Miami to Nassau Race** - [www.miaminassauraceweek.com](http://www.miaminassauraceweek.com)

**Storm Trysail Club** - [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org)

**The Ft. Lauderdale to Charleston Race** - [www.fortlauderdaletocharlestonrace.org](http://www.fortlauderdaletocharlestonrace.org)

**Charleston Race Week** - [www.charlestonraceweek.org](http://www.charlestonraceweek.org)

**American Yacht Club Spring/Fall Series** - [www.americanyc.com](http://www.americanyc.com)

**Ida Lewis Distance Race** - [www.ildistancerace.org](http://www.ildistancerace.org)

**Stamford Yacht Club Vineyard Race** - [www.stamfordyc.com](http://www.stamfordyc.com)

**Newport to Bermuda Race** - [www.bermudarace.com](http://www.bermudarace.com)

**Around Long Island Regatta** - [www.seacliffyc.org](http://www.seacliffyc.org)