



US-IRC GULF STREAM SERIES 2011

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

Open to all yachts that hold 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 an IRC endorsed certificate that enter in the individual events that comprise the Gulf Stream Series.

2. RULES

2.1 Valid endorsed 2010 certificates may be used for the following races:

STC Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race

Key West Race Week

All other events require 2011 endorsed certificates to qualify for this 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 2011 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, a yacht must race in, and comply with requirements for ALL groups.

GROUP 1 - Buoy Regattas (10)

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

Key West Race Week (IRC Mid-Winter Championship)

Miami Grand Prix

International Rolex Regatta

Charleston Race Week
American Y.C. Spring Series
STC Block Island Race Week (IRC East Coast Championship)
New York Y.C. Annual Regatta
US-IRC Long Island Sound Championship
American Y.C. Fall Series
STC IRC Mid-Atlantic Championship (hosted by Annapolis Y.C.)

GROUP 2 - Medium Distance Races (5)

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

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

GROUP 3 - Long Distance Races (4)

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

Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race
RORC Caribbean 600
Annapolis to Newport Race
Marblehead to Halifax Rare

- 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 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 series.
- 4.7 Organizing Authorities shall endeavor to ensure that each CLASS in Group 1 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.

5. PRIZES

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

6. PRIZE AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded at the New York Yacht Club annual awards dinner at their 44th St Clubhouse in New York City in November, 2011. All prize-winners will be invited to attend.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information on individual events please visit each event's respective websites.