



## ABOUT QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK

*International sailing regatta celebrates 30 years racing off Key West, Jan. 15-20, 2017*

- The final fleet tally includes 99 boats from 14 nations in 9 classes racing on 3 circles
- Regatta sponsored by Quantum Sails (Traverse City, MI) for sixth year (first in 2012)
- Regatta organized by Storm Trysail Club (based in Larchmont, NY) for second year
- Daily harbor start at 9:45 a.m. with racing scheduled between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- 10-12 races scheduled per class
- Five class champions from 2016 returning:
  - *Quantum Racing* (TP52, IRC Division 1) Doug DeVos (Ada, MI)
  - *Skeleton Key* (J/111 Class) Peter Wagner (Atherton, CA)
  - *Calvi Network* (J/70 Class) Carlo Alberini (Pesaro, ITA)
  - *Wings* (J/88 Class) Mike Bruno (Armonk, NY)
  - *Flight Simulator* (Corsair 28R, Multihull class) Tom Reese (Youngstown, NY)
- The Waterfront Brewery in the Historic Key West Bight is regatta headquarters, a new venue for the regatta
- Waterfront Brewery will host all shoreside activities with the regatta, including morning weather briefings, post-race debriefs and nightly awards ceremony
- Quote from Regatta Chairman John Fisher: "Quantum Key West Race Week has a sterling reputation as a sailors' regatta, offering some of the most consistent racing conditions of any venue in the world. Our new base of operations at the Waterfront Brewery will offer everyone a new look for pre- and post-race activities, so I'm confident the number of entries will increase. Our goal each year is to continue to improve on a successful formula, listen to the sailors and sponsors, and give them what they want."
- Regatta founded in 1988 by Yachting Magazine as a destination regatta. Has grown into the most important international regatta in North America and one of the top drawing regattas around the world
- Regularly features the newest and best boats, equipment and world's top sailors
- Popular because of reliably warm and challenging sailing conditions in middle of January
- One of the top classes is the TP52, which kicks off the 2017 52 Super Series in Key West. This is the most international class at the event, with 11 boats representing nine countries (Argentina, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, USA)
- The 52 Super Series bristles with talent from the America's Cup, Olympic Games, Volvo Ocean Race and innumerable world championships and represents the highest caliber racing in the game where every second counts
- Another competitive class is the J/70, which will be the largest class at race week with more than 40 entries. Included is last year's champion, Calvi Network, owned by Carlo Alberini of Pesaro, Italy. Other entries include Joel Ronning's (Excelsior, MN) Catapult, the reigning World Champion (won title in San Francisco in October) and world championship runner-up Flojito & Cooperando, owned by Julian Fernandez Neckelmann of Valle de Bravo, Mexico
- Racing professionals at the regatta include:



- John Kostecki (Reno, NV) sailing on the TP52 Platoon. He's a past Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (1998 & 2002), two-time winner of the America's Cup (2010 & 2013) with Oracle Team USA, winner of the Volvo Ocean Race (2001-'02)
- Vasco Vascotto (Trieste, Italy), winner of more than 25 World Championships in many classes, the most of any sailor, including the TP52 Azzurra, his team in Key West
- Ed Baird (St. Petersburg, FL), sailing on the TP52 Gladiator. He's a past Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (1995), winner of the America's Cup (2007) with Team Alinghi
- Ian Walker (Lymington, UK) is the helmsman on Interlodge, a TP52. He is the reigning champion in the Volvo Ocean Race and past Olympic Silver medalist
- Terry Hutchinson (Annapolis, MD), sailing on the TP52 Quantum Racing, reigning World Champion in this class. He's a past Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (2008 & 2014)
- Peter Holmberg (St Thomas, USVI), past Olympic Silver medallist, Match Race World Champion, and America's Cup champion (2007), sailing on TP52 Provezza
- Bill Hardesty (San Diego, CA), sailing on the J/70 Flojito & Cooperando. He's a past Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (2011) and has won 12 world championships
- Enrico Zennaro (Chioggia, Italy), reigning ORC Sportboat European Champion and multiple ORC World Champion, racing on the Italia 9.98 High Noise in the ORC Class
- Also, 2003 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, Hannah Swett (New York), will skipper the J/70 Sparkle with 1999 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Dawn Riley in the crew
- Many boats will be berthed at the Truman Waterfront Property. That will be a second center of activity, after the regatta headquarters at Waterfront Brewery
- Viewing racing from shoreside is difficult because the boats are rarely close to the coast. However, spectator boats are available
- Gill NA, the official apparel company of Quantum Key West Race Week, has launched its [signature line for the 30th anniversary regatta](#). The line features a range of clothing for men and women including technical t-shirts, polos, soft shell jackets and smocks and foul weather gear. Gill will customize any clothing for crews wishing to have their boat name embroidered in time for race week
- In the 29 years spanning 1988-2016, Key West Race Week has had a total of 5,662 entries
- The largest fleet of 326 entrants occurred in 2001
- The prestigious Boat of the Week Trophy, awarded for the most outstanding performance of the regatta, has been won twice by three owners:
  - Irvine Laidlaw (GBR) – 1993, '99
  - George Andreadis (GRE) – 2001, '02 (Andreadis is the only back-to-back winner of the trophy)
  - John B. "Jim" Kilroy, Jr. (USA) – 2010, '12



## 2016 QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK CHAMPIONS

### Division 1

Maxi 72	<i>Bella Mente</i> (J/V72)	Hap Fauth (Minneapolis, MN)
IRC 1	<i>Quantum Racing</i> (TP52)	Doug DeVos (Ada, MI)
IRC 2	<i>Christopher Dragon</i> (Sydney 43)	Andrew & Linda Weiss (Mamaroneck, NY)
J/111	<i>Skeleton Key</i>	Peter Wagner (Atherton, CA)

### Division 2

Melges 24	<i>Black Seal</i>	Richard Thompson (London, UK)
J/70	<i>Calvi Network</i>	Carlo Alberini (Pesaro, ITA)
C&C 30	<i>Themis</i>	Walt Thirion (Annapolis, MD)

### Division 3

J/88	<i>Wings</i>	Mike Bruno (Armonk, NY)
ORC 1	<i>Teamwork</i> (J/122)	Robin Team (Lexington, NC)
ORC 2	<i>Wired</i> (J/80)	Henry DeGroot (Newton, MA)

### Division 4

Perf Cruising	<i>Defiant</i> (NY40)	John Streicker (New York, NY)
Multihulls	<i>Flight Simulator</i> (Corsair 28R)	Tom Reese (Youngstown, NY)

### Corinthian Teams

Melges 24	<i>Party Girl</i>	Jens Wathne (Loddefjord, NOR)
J/70	<i>Marnatura</i>	Luis Bugallo (Vigo, ESP)
J/88	<i>Easy Eights</i>	Joe & Jeff Pawlowski (Williamsville, NY)

### BOATS OF THE DAY

#### City of Key West Day (Monday)

Open:	<i>Skeleton Key</i> (J/111)	Peter Wagner (Atherton, CA)
Corinthian:	<i>Marnatura</i> (J/70)	Luis Bugallo (Vigo, ESP)
<b>Lewmar Day (Tuesday)</b>		No Racing

#### Mount Gay Rum Day (Wednesday)

Open:	<i>Black Seal</i> (Melges 24)	Richard Thompson (London, UK)
Corinthian:	<i>Tramp</i> (Melges 24)	Thomas Ritter (Bloomfield Hills, MI)

#### Industry Partner Day (Thursday)

Open:	<i>Bella Mente</i> (Maxi 72)	Hap Fauth (Minneapolis, MN)
Corinthian:	<i>Party Girl</i> (Melges 24)	Jens Wathne (Loddefjord, NOR)

#### Quantum Sails Day (Friday)

Open:	<i>Calvi Network</i> (J/70)	Carlo Alberini (Pesaro, ITA)
Corinthian:	<i>Marnatura</i> (J/70)	Luis Bugallo (Vigo, ESP)

Sailing World Trophy (for youngest crew)

*Eagle's Eye* (Far East 28R)

Matt Wake (West Yarmouth, MA)

Outstanding Contribution to the Sport

Doug DeVos (Ada, MI)



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## ABOUT QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK

The racing at Quantum Key West Race Week will be conducted under permit in the **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary**. The sanctuary protects 2,900 square nautical miles of critical marine habitat, including coral reef, hard bottom, seagrass meadow, mangrove communities and sand flats. *For more information, please visit [floridakeys.noaa.gov](http://floridakeys.noaa.gov).*

## ABOUT THE STORM TRYSAIL CLUB

The Storm Trysail Club is one of the world's most respected sailing organizations. Founded in 1938 and consisting of ten stations, the Storm Trysail Club boasts an international, merit-based membership consisting of sailors who have demonstrated expert leadership offshore or in the management of the sport. The Storm Trysail Club encourages safe offshore racing and cruising by its members' example in sailing under its burgee, organizing regattas, developing and sharing safety standards, and promoting good fellowship among sailors. As a result, its members influence the highest levels of yachting as competitors, organizers, race committee, and supporters. The Storm Trysail Club hosts popular race weeks at Block Island and Key West, and organizes iconic offshore races such as the annual Block Island Race, the biennial Pineapple Cup race to Montego Bay, the Transatlantic Race with partner clubs, and a fresh list of events near and offshore. The Storm Trysail Club also has a strong commitment to sharing its wealth of experience with others, youth sailors in particular, through its affiliated charitable organization, The Storm Trysail Foundation, which hosts safety seminars and the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta for college sailors in big boats. For more information, visit [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org).



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