

**LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN
SUPERYACHT REGATTA
& RENDEZVOUS 2015**



Notice of Race & Information
11th – 14th March, 2015
Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



Loro Piana

BOAT
International Media





ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) and Boat International Media (BIM). The event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as National Authority to ISAF.

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1. THE RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:
(a) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and Appendix SY;
(b) Rating/Handicapping system will be announced by 10th December, 2014;
(c) the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsory on board;
(d) the Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2(a). Any amendments to this Notice will be emailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official websites: www.loropianasuperyachtregatta.com and www.yccs.com. During the regatta, amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice

Board at the Regatta Headquarters and on the official websites.

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3 English is the official language of the event.

1.4 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

1.5 The Registration Nationality of a boat is indicated by the owner of the boat as set out in the entry form (FLAG section). If not indicated, the Sail Number and/or the owner's nationality will be used.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Boats will be required to display the sponsor's pennant throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta and the event battle flag on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.3 The Organizing Authority will supply the pennant and flag at registration.

2.4 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.





2.5 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats:
- boats with LOA of 80 feet or more with a valid Rating/Handicapping Certificate. The Rating/Handicapping system that will be adopted will be communicated by the OA by 10th December, 2014.

3.2 It is at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to invite or accept yachts of particular interest or historical significance.

3.3 Depending on the number and nature of the entries, the Organizing Authority at its absolute discretion may divide them into groups or divisions. Divisions may have different courses, cruising or racing orientated, and starts (pursuit or fleet starts) in accordance with the nature of the yachts.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries shall be made by completing the attached Official Entry Form (Annex 1) and shall be received by the Organizing Authority by

- 30th January, 2015 together with:
- (a) a copy of the boat's Rating/Handicap Certificate;
 - (b) an entry fee:
 - for yachts from 80 - 147 feet:
 - Members of YCCS & IMA - \$5,500 USD
 - Non-Members of YCCS & IMA - \$6,500 USD;
 - for yachts 148 feet and above:
 - Members of YCCS & IMA - \$6,500 USD
 - Non-Members of YCCS & IMA - \$7,500 USD

4.2 For all NON-MEMBERS OF SYRA there is a fee of \$950* in addition to the entry fee.

*All SYRA (Superyacht Racing Association) approved superyacht regattas in the 2015 season require non-SYRA members to contribute to SYRA for improving the safety of superyacht racing and investing in the fair racing handicap review. There is therefore an additional fee of \$950 per entry for non-members. For further information about the Superyacht Racing Association and details on annual membership visit www.superyra.org

4.3 Entry Fee shall be paid directly to Boat International Media by Credit Card payment or by wire transfer at:

Boat International Media Limited
Barclays Bank, 27 Soho Square, London
Sort code: 20-78-98
USD Account #: 64714177
IBAN: GB65 BARC 2078 9864 7141 77
SWIFT/BIC: BARC GB22

4.4 In the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted after 30th January, 2015

4.5 Entries that cancel post 16th January 2015 will be refunded 50% of any entry fee paid.

4.6 Entries that cancel post 13th February 2015 will not be refunded any entry fee paid.

4.7 The organizers reserve the right to cancel the regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the captain's e-mail address provided on the Entry Form. In the event of cancellation of the regatta:

4.7.1 Each yacht's entry fee that has been received by the organizers will be refunded in full to that yacht;

4.7.2 This Agreement in respect of this regatta will be terminated forthwith; and

4.7.3 Each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly agrees that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the organizers will be permitted or entertained and each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organizers in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the organizers in relation to such claim.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, measurement and inspection: Wednesday 11th March, 2015.

5.2 Dates of racing

Date	Programme	Scheduled first start
Thurs 12 March	Racing	11.00
Fri 13 March	Racing	11.00
Sat 14 March	Racing	11.00

5.3 Prize giving – Saturday 14th March.

5.4 Alteration of Programme: The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

6. RATING/HANDICAPPING CERTIFICATES AND MEASUREMENT

The Rating/Handicapping system that will be adopted will be communicated by the OA by 10th December, 2014.

7. REGISTRATION

At final registration the following documents will be required:

- a) original current Rating/Handicapping Certificate unless and if different than the one already produced;
- (b) acceptance of the Notice of Race, photography & TV rights and third party liability as set out in the Entry Form;
- (c) disclaimer of liability as set out in the Entry Form;
- (d) declaration accepting this waiver of rights that each individual participating crew member will be required to sign.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at www.loropianasuperyachtregattaandrendezvous.com and www.yccs.com by 10th March, 2015 and available at final registration.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be coastal courses in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be the whole number of places (rounding 0.5 upwards) nearest to 20% of the number of all boats entered (except that the minimum penalty is one place).

10.2 Exoneration Penalty

(a) A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration penalty - a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c) (except that the minimum penalty is two places provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF). However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

(b) When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (i) Neither the boat nor the Jury may then revoke or remove the penalty. (ii) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Jury decides that





it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

10.3 Penalties for breaches of the rules, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 or 2, are at the discretion of the Jury.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that there will be no discard.

11.2 Three races are scheduled and one race has to be completed to constitute the series.

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 11:00 on 10th March to 11:00 on 15th March at the YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda provided that the entry is completed by the closing date for entries. Assignment of moorings will be based on the characteristics of the boats.

12.2 Moorings may or may not be available for late entries.

12.3 The cost of electricity, water charges, tenders as well as mooring fees for late entries or additional periods are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office.

12.4 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in par.12.1 and for tenders please contact:

YCCS Dockmaster
YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda
P.O. Box 132, North Sound,
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands
YCCS Marina Office: +1 284 393 2000
Emergency mobile phone: +1 284 346 2000
Email: dockmaster@yccs.vg

All boats must inform the Harbourmaster's Office on VHF Channel 08 when they first arrive in Virgin Gorda and each time they leave or enter the harbour thereafter. When moored, it is mandatory for all participants to visit the Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

13.1 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF 8 and 16.

13.2 All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, AIS, etc., are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.

13.3 Boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged to allow the safest possible navigation during the regatta and one dedicated VHF channel will be used for this purpose.

13.4 Yachts equipped with Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to operate their AIS system from the time

they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

14. SAFETY

14.1 The organizer takes a proactive stance on enforcing safety and sportsmanship. Safe racing is the responsibility of everyone involved in superyacht regattas. The Superyacht Safety Protocol within the Sailing Instructions stresses the concept that the priority is on safety and prudent seamanship, not competitive advantage.

14.2 The yachts' Racing Tacticians and Safety Officers are expected to meet immediately following the racing to discuss and resolve any minor issues pertaining to competitive advantage, safety or sportsmanship.

15. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests will be heard by an International Jury or an International Protest Committee.

16. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- The Loro Piana Cup for the best classified boats in each class;
- Loro Piana Trophies for the 2nd and 3rd scored boats of each class.
- **The Loro Piana Prize: The Boat International Media Trophy**
The yachts eligible for the Loro Piana Prize: The Boat International Media Trophy will



ENTRY FORM

**ENTRIES TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 30TH JANUARY 2015 ACCOMPANIED BY THE ENTRY FEE.
To be sent to Boat International Media by fax to +44 208 545 9333 or email to events@boatinternationalmedia.com**

YCCS MEMBERS () SYRA MEMBERS () IMA MEMBERS ()

BOAT NAME _____ SAIL NUMBER _____

L.O.A. _____ BEAM _____ MIN DRAFT _____ HULL COLOUR _____

MODEL _____ DESIGNER _____ BUILDER _____ YEAR _____

BOAT ADVERTISING (if displaying advertising) _____

YACHT CLUB _____ HOME PORT _____ COUNTRY _____

FLAG _____ NO. OF CREW _____ E.T.A _____

OWNER/CHARTERER _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ COUNTRY _____ TEL _____

FAX _____ EMAIL _____ TEL ON-SITE _____

IMPERATIVE: Contact details to be reached ON SITE for any daily communications from the Organizing Authority

NAME / SURNAME _____ TEL. ON-SITE _____ EMAIL _____

HELMSMAN _____ COUNTRY _____ EMAIL _____

TACTICIAN _____ COUNTRY _____ EMAIL _____

CHIEF STEWARD(ESS) _____ TEL. ON-SITE _____ EMAIL _____

SUPPORT BOAT NAME _____ L.O.A. _____ DRAFT _____ BEAM _____ ETA _____

DRIVER _____ LOCAL TEL _____ EMAIL _____

PRESS REP (internal use only) _____ TEL _____ TEL ON-SITE _____

SIGNIFICANT REGATTA PARTICIPATION/VICTORIES _____

PROFESSIONAL CREW ON BOARD AND ROLES _____

1. DISCLAIMER
Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Boat International Media and all persons or sponsors involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behavior and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests. Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Boat International Media, the Sponsors and their agents, the Race Officials which shall include everyone involved in the management of the racing, the Race Officers, the International Jury and their assistants have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

2. MEDIA RIGHTS
Competitors grant the Organizing Authority and the Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the yacht name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, the yacht owner's name, any biographical material of themselves, photography or video footage of the owner shall not be published, without obtaining permission from the yacht owner. If permission is not granted, the owner shall be referred to as "the owner of Yacht Name."

3. INSURANCE
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE AGREEMENT ABOVE AT POINTS 1,2 AND 3 AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND SIGN IT OF MY FREE WILL.

Name of the Owner / Charterer / Boat Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

ATTACHMENTS: RATING / HANDICAPPING CERTIFICATE () CREW LIST () COPY OF BANK TRANSFER ()

ENTRY FEE TOTAL USD \$: _____

() CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: VISA () MASTERCARD ()

Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Cardholder's Signature _____ Date _____

Contact number of cardholder _____

() BANK TRANSFER **IMPERATIVE:** specify as object NAME OF THE EVENT (LPCSRR) and NAME OF THE BOAT

Bank details: Boat International Media Limited, Barclays Bank, 27 Soho Square, London
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be the class winners that are superyachts (100 foot LOA or greater with full cruising interior). The class winner with the fewest points will be the overall winner. Should there be a tie, the RRS tie breaking shall apply. Should there still be a tie, starting process will determine the winner (total time for all starts - from scheduled start to crossing the line – smallest total wins).
- The YCCS trophy for the top scored boat owned by YCCS Member.
- Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group within each category.

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20. SOCIAL EVENTS

The social programme will be available at www.yccs.com and www.loropianasuperyachtregattaandrendezvous.com by 2nd February, 2015 and at registration.

21. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

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Press Office
Tel: +39 0789 902200
Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

Boat International Media
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ABOUT THE LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN
SUPERYACHT REGATTA AND RENDEZVOUS

An impressive fleet of some of the world's most beautiful sail and motor yachts gather for three days of racing and events set against the breathtaking backdrop of the British Virgin Islands. Organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and Boat International Media, the regatta was inaugurated in 2011 and marked the beginning of YCCS sporting activities in Virgin Gorda. It has rapidly grown to become a key event on the Caribbean superyacht calendar. The regatta is open to sailing yachts over 100 feet in length and motor yachts are also very welcome to join the event. The regatta comprises round-the-island races and a packed social programme is scheduled to keep owners, guests and crews busy both on and off the water.

PALMARES

2011 – HANUMAN (USA)
2012 – INDIO (ITA)
2013 – SALPERTON (CAY)
2014 – NILAYA (GBR)

CONTACT DETAILS
& FURTHER INFORMATION

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BOAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA
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For general enquiries and guest lists:

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