











ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & VENUE

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 (RRS 2013 2016) and Appendix SY;
- (b) The ORC Superyacht (ORCsy) rule will be used for all Division & Classes;
- (c) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsory on board;
- (d) Where and if a specific trophy is available for a specific class, the class rules of that class shall apply to boats competing for that trophy;
- (e) The Sailing Instructions including the Exhibits and the Appendices. 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;
- (f) The Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2(a). Any amendments prior to 9th March, 2016 to this Notice will be emailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted and will also be posted on the official websites: www.loropianacaribbeansuperyachtregatta. com and www.yccs.com.

During the regatta, amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Headquarters, on the official websites and copies will be available at the Race Office.

- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
 1.3 English is the official language of the event. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 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 on the backstay throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last 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.
 2.6 Boats are responsible for informing advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Marina Area without the consent in writing of the Organizing Authority obtained before the start of the Regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats: boats with LH of 80 feet or more with a valid 2016 ORCsy Handicap Certificate.
- 3.2 It is at the discretion of the Organizing Authority to invite or accept yachts of particular interest or historical significance.





4. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

4.1 The Organizer will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into Divisions and Classes based on the number of entries, the boats' size, speed potential and performance characteristics. A notice with the preliminary breaks will be posted on the event web sites by 15th February, 2016.

4.2 Depending on fleet composition, it is the intent of the Race Committee to have a Cruising and Performance Division.

The two Divisions may be further divided into Classes, depending on the number of entries, size, speed potential, and performance characteristics of the yachts in each division.

4.3 At the Race Committee's discretion, Divisions and Classes may sail different courses on any given day.

5. ENTRIES

5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the attached Official Entry Form (Annexi) and shall be received by the Organizing Authority by 29th January, 2016 together with:

(a) a copy of the ORCsy 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.
- 5.2 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 2016 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

5.3 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 714177 SWIFT/BIC: BARC GB22 $5.4\ In$ the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted after 29th January, 2016

5.5 Entries that cancel post 15th January 2016 will be refunded 50% of any entry fee paid.

 $5.6\,Entries$ that cancel post 12th February 2016 will not be refunded any entry fee paid.

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

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

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

5.7.3 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.

6. SCHEDULE

 $6.\mathrm{I}$ Registration, measurement and inspection: Wednesday 9th March, 2016.

6.2 Dates of racing

Date	Programme	Scheduled First SIGNAL
Thurs 10th March	Racing	11.00
Fri 11th March	Racing	11.00
Sat 12th March	Racing	11.00

6.3 Prize giving - Saturday 12th March.

6.4 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.

7. HANDICAP CERTIFICATES & MEASUREMENT

7.1 A valid ORC Superyacht certificate is required from all competitors. Certificates will be issued to the yacht by the rule authority (the Offshore Racing Congress – www.orc.org).

To apply for a certificate and for additional information on the ORC Superyacht Rule, contact the ORC Office at: orcsy@orc. org.

The handicap application and fee must be received by the ORC no later than 15th January, 2016.

7.2 All measurements required shall be submitted as part of the application process for an ORCsy certificate. The ORC will accept declared data when measurement data is not available. The ORC, at its discretion, may implement hull data from design offices and sail data from sailmakers.

7.3 Handicap certificates are due to the Organizing Authority no later than 15th February, 2016. A list of the handicaps of the boats will be posted at:

www.loropianacaribbeansuperyachtregatta.com and www.yccs.com by 1st March, 2016.

7.4 The deadline for providing the yacht's configuration to the ORC is two weeks prior to the first scheduled race of the series (March 10th, 2016). Yacht configuration includes sails declared for the regatta. Except in the case of rating office error or (at the discretion of the ORCsy Rule Authority) other errors, which change the ToD value, no changes to yacht configuration will be accepted. In exceptional circumstances, and only at the discretion of event organizer, the deadline can be extended.
7.5 Yachts shall be available for inspection not later than 10:00 on 9th March, 2016. For yachts already in Virgin Gorda, inspections may be carried out on 8th March, 2016. Yachts may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta and will be performed only by measurers approved by the Organizing Authority.

8. REGISTRATION

 $8. I The official forms will be provided by the Organizing \\ Authority and published on the YCCS website.$

 $8.2\,\mathrm{At}$ final registration the following documents will be required:

(a) original ORCsy 2016 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) declaration accepting this waiver of rights that each individual participating crew member will be required to sign. (d) Safety Officer form.

8.3 Without the approval in writing of the Race Committee whose discretion shall be full and unfettered:

(i) boats not complying with the requirements of NoR 8.2 are not eligible for the event; and

(ii) the value of ORCsy Certificates issued on 9th March, 2016 shall not be modified except as approved by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall not be entitled to redress in respect of a decision of the International Jury under this paragraph (Changes RRS 62 (i)).







9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available at www.loropianacaribbeansuperyachtregatta.com and www.yccs.com by 9th March, 2016 and available at final registration.

10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

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

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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).

11.2 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 of a rule, 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.

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

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that

there will be no discard.

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

13. MOORINGS

13.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 11:00 on 9th March to 11:00 on 13th 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.

13.2 Moorings may or may not be available for late entries.
13.3 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.

13.4 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in par.13.1 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 o8 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

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

Office to finalize their registration procedures.

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

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

15. SAFETY

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

16. SAFETY OFFICER

16.1 Each yacht shall designate a Safety Officer and submit a Safety Officer Information Form in advance (SI Exhibit 2, posted on the event website and will be distributed to all captains via email). The Safety Officer's name, local mobile telephone number and email address must be confirmed at registration.

16.2 The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose sole responsibility will be communicating on the dedicated safety channel VHF 8 while racing, collision avoidance, and the safe maneuvering of the yacht. The Safety Officer should have no other responsibility above and beyond these safe racing related matters. The Safety Officer must have a handheld VHF radio in their possession from the time the yacht approaches the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

16.3 The Safety Officer shall attend all pre-race briefings and will be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form and portable GPS unit are returned to the Race Office as soon as practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

17. PROTEST COMMITTEE

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

18. 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
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 The yachts eligible for the Loro Piana Prize:

The Boat International Media Trophy will 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 highest placed YCCS Member; - Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group
- within each category.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 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.

20. DISCLAIMER

20.1 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.

20.2 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.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

21.1 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." As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

22. SOCIAL EVENTS

22.1 The social programme will be available at www.loropianacaribbeansuperyachtregatta.com and www.yccs.com by 5th February, 2016 and at registration.

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ANNEX 1 LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS 2016

ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 29TH JANUARY 2016 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

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ACTICIAN	COUNTRY	EMAII	L
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() BANK TRANSFER IMPERATIVE: specify as object NAME OF THE EVENT (LPCSRR) and NAME OF THE BOAT

Bank details:

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23. PRESS OFFICE

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

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ABOUT THE LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS

A fleet of some of the world's most beautiful and most impressive sail and motor yachts gather for three days of racing in the crystalline waters of the renowned sailor's paradise that is the British Virgin Islands. A range of exclusive social events take place over four days against the backdrop of the pristine beaches and unspoilt natural beauty of Virgin Gorda. Organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and Boat International Media, the regatta has now reached its sixth edition and has rapidly grown to become a key event on the Caribbean superyacht calendar. Open to sailing and motor yachts over 80 feet in length, the regatta comprises coastal and round-the-island races as well as a packed social programme keeping owners, guests and crews busy at sea and ashore.

PALMARES

2011 - HANUMAN (USA)

2012 - INDIO (ITA)

2013 - SALPERTON (CAY)

2014 - NILAYA (GBR)

2015 - P2 (CAY)

CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

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