



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

VIRGIN GORDA, 8th - 11th MARCH 2018





ORGANISING AUTHORITY & VENUE

The regatta is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) and sponsored by Loro Piana.

The venue for the event is the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda & Marina, Virgin Gorda, BVI. The event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as National Authority to World Sailing.

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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 2017 - 2020) and Appendix SY;
- (b) The ORC Superyacht (ORCSy) rule will be used for all Division & Classes;
- (c) The World Sailing 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 organising authority may amend this notice of race in accordance with RRS 88.2(a); any amendments prior to 8th March, 2018 will be emailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted and will also be posted on the YCCS website: www.yccs.com. During the regatta, amendments to this notice of race will be posted on the official notice board at the regatta village, on the YCCS website 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 WS regulation 20, advertising code. Boats shall display event advertising in compliance with WS 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 race on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.3 The organising authority will supply the pennant and flag at registration.

2.4 The organising 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 YCCS 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 90 feet or more with a valid 2018 ORCSy or ORCcs Handicap Certificate.

3.2 It is at the discretion of the organising 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 YCCS web site by 1st March 2018.
- 4.2** Depending on fleet composition, it is the intent of the race committee to have a Cruising, Performance & Corinthian Spirit Division. The three 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. Boats from 90 to 99 feet will race in the Maxi Division.
- 4.3** The corinthian spirit is a non-spinnaker division (for further information a dedicated Exhibit will be distributed to all captains via email). A minimum of four (4) entry applications must be received by 10th February 2018 for the organizing authority to provide a class. All yachts in the corinthian spirit division are required to have a current and valid ORCcs handicap certificate.
All yachts shall submit their completed handicap application to the ORC no later than 10 February 2018.
The event organiser and ORC will assist the corinthian spirit division entrants with their handicap applications. In the event the minimum number of four (4) entries is not reached, all yachts having an ORCcs certificate will be allowed to race in the ORCsy divisions and their ORCcs certificate will be turned into a ORCsy declared one.
- 4.4** 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 (Annex1) and shall be received by the YCCS race office by 29th January, 2018 together with:
- (a) a copy of the ORCsy or ORCcs Handicap Certificate;
 - (b) an entry fee:
 - Members of YCCS & IMA - \$6,000 USD;
 - Non-Members of YCCS & IMA - \$7,000 USD.
- 5.2** For all NON-MEMBERS of SYRA there is a fee of \$1.100* in addition to the entry fee.
*All SYRA (Superyacht Racing Association) approved Superyacht regattas in the 2018 season require non-SYRA members to contribute to SYRA for improving the safety of superyacht racing and investing in the fair racing handicap review. For further information about the Superyacht Racing Association and details on annual membership visit www.superyra.org
- 5.3** The entry fee may be paid by credit card (MASTERCARD, VISA or AMEX) or by bank transfer as stated in detail on the entry form.
- 5.4** In the absolute discretion of the organising authority, late entries may be accepted after 29th January, 2018.
- 5.5** Entries that cancel post 15th January 2018 will be refunded 50% of any entry fee paid.
- 5.6** Entries that cancel post 12th February 2018 will not be refunded any entry fee paid.
- 5.7** The organisers reserve the right to cancel the regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the email addresses 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 organisers 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 organisers will be permitted or entertained and each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organisers in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the organisers in relation to such claim.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1** Registration, measurement and inspection:
Thursday 8th March, 2018.



6.2 Dates of racing

Date Programme Scheduled First Signal

Friday 9th March Racing 11.00

Saturday 10th March Racing 11.00

Sunday 11th March Racing 11.00

6.3 Prize giving – Sunday 11th March.

6.4 Alteration of Programme: The organising 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 ORCSy or ORCcs 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, 2018.

7.2 All measurements required shall be submitted as part of the application process for an ORCSy or ORCcs 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 organising authority no later than 15th February, 2018. A list of the handicaps of the boats will be posted on the YCCS web site: www.yccs.com by 1st March, 2018.

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 9th, 2018). 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 handicap certificate value, no changes to yacht configuration will be accepted. In exceptional circumstances, and only at the discretion of event organiser, the deadline can be extended.

7.5 Yachts shall be available for inspection not later than 10:00 on 8th March, 2018. For yachts already in Virgin Gorda, inspections may be carried out on 7th March, 2018. 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 organising authority.

8. REGISTRATION

8.1 The official forms will be provided by the organising authority and published on the YCCS website.

8.2 At final registration the following documents will be required:

- (a) original ORCSy or ORCcs 2018 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) RRS safety sfterguard member compliance form if different than the one already produced.

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 or ORCcs Certificates issued on 8th March, 2018 shall not be modified except as approved by the organising authority. Boats shall not be entitled to redress in respect of a decision of the protest committee under this paragraph (Changes RRS 62 (1)).

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the YCCS web site www.yccs.com by 8th March, 2018 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 protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(ii) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee 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 protest committee.

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 10:00 on 8th March to 11:00 on 12th 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

Email: info@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.

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

14.1 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF 8, 9, 16 & 72.

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 organiser 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 RRS-safety afterguard member are expected to meet immediately following the racing to discuss and resolve any minor issues pertaining to competitive advantage, safety or sportsmanship.

16. RRS -SAFETY AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE

16.1 Each yacht shall ensure that at least one afterguard member is active with the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and has a thorough understanding of the RRS and the Appendix SY. The boat captain will submit the compliance form (page 2 of Exhibit 2) with information on the designated RRS-safety afterguard member and the communications officer in advance, no later than 1st February, 2018. Exhibit 2 can be found on the YCCS website, and will be distributed to all captains via email.

16.2 The organising authority will review all compliance forms prior to 15th February, 2018 and communicate any concerns or issues to the boat captain.

16.3 The captain will designate a communications officer who will monitor and communicate on the VHF safety channel. It is recommended that this individual have experience with radio protocol and experience with and an understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY.

16.4 The boat captain will determine what crew position the RRS-safety afterguard member assumes (tactician, helmsman, navigator, strategist, etc.). The designated RRS-safety afterguard member may assume the position of communications officer.

16.5 The RRS-safety afterguard member shall attend all pre-race briefings and will be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form is 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 a protest committee.

18. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- Loro Piana trophies for the 3rd, 2nd and best classified boat in each Class.
- The Loro Piana Prize: the yachts eligible for the prize will be the class winners that are superyachts (100 foot LH or greater with full cruising interiors). The class winner with the fewest points will be the 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 – lowest total wins).
- IMA Trophy for the highest placed IMA Member;
- The YCCS Trophy for the highest placed YCCS Member;
- Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group within each category.

19. INSURANCE

As stated in details on the entry form.

20. DISCLAIMER

As stated in details on the entry form.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

As stated in details on the entry form



22. SOCIAL EVENTS

22.1 Limitations on the number of tickets allocated to guests for the social events may happen for particular events. The social programme will be available at www.yccs.com by 15th February, 2018 and at registration.

23. PRESS OFFICE

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

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CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

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About the Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous

In its eighth edition the Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta is one of the top sailing events on the Caribbean circuit. The event, organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda and scheduled from 8th to 11th March 2018, will gather an impressive fleet of sailing yachts on the stunning waters of the British Virgin Islands. The regatta will blend three days of racing with exclusive social events at the YCCS Marina and Clubhouse.

WINNERS

2011 HANUMAN (USA)
2012 INDIO (ITA)
2013 SALPERTON (CAY)
2014 NILAYA (GBR)
2015 P2 (CAY)
2016 NILAYA (GBR)
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