



LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS

Notice to competitors n°5 – International Superyacht Rule (ISYR)

ISYR Racing Format and Scoring

The Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous will feature a staggered start format with the constructed course option. ISYR will be using time on time scoring with a TCF (time correction factor). The TCF will be derived from the actual layout of the course and the observed wind speed and direction averaged over the duration of the race. The ISYR scorer will collect observations from race committee assets and selected competitors. For more information on this format go to www.international-superyachtrule.com

Anchors/Chains

There has been an inquiry regarding policy on dropping and leaving anchors and chains on the bottom prior to racing. The Organizing Authority recognizes that this has been standard practice for some yachts, both dockside and at anchor, to expedite dock out and maintain one's anchoring location day to day. In fact, this is required of some yachts competing at the St Barths Bucket. All yachts need to abide by the safety requirements designated by their Flag State, Classification Society and/or code of compliance and the regatta rules of course, and in no instance should a yacht drop and leave both of her class anchors. If the intent is to drop and leave one anchor and chain, yachts shall declare such to the Organizing Authority by 1600, 19 March. The ISYR will then adjust handicaps in the scoring by the equivalent of approximately 1.5 seconds per mile faster. As you are aware, the ISYR, Organizing Authorities, and the SYRA are working together to obtain more accurate measurement information (including displacement) in the interest of fair racing. We fully recognize that this represents a first step in addressing a complex issue that is specific to superyacht racing. We appreciate your cooperation and welcome your feedback going forward.

Regatta Handicap Panel (RHP)

The Superyacht Racing Association, in conjunction with the ISYR, will have a Regatta Handicap Panel in place during the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous. Details on the role and responsibilities of the RHP and the form for requesting a meeting are attached here and available on the SYRA website at: <http://www.superyra.org/regatta-handicap-panel.html>

The composition of the RHP for this regatta will be:

Peter Craig/Kate Branagh
Cam Appleton
Mike Toppa
Jens Christensen
Jim Teeters

Yacht representatives can schedule to meet with the panel by submitting the applicable form available at the race office. The race office will notify the representative on the time and location of the meeting. Yacht representatives are not to meet with members of the panel individually during the regatta.

Organizing Authority

Virgin Gorda

1730 18 March, 2014

International Super Yacht Rule REGATTA HANDICAP PANEL (RHP) Policy & Procedure

Background

Based on feedback from event organizers and yacht owners, there is a perceived need to ensure that programs new to the International Superyacht Rule (ISYR) are properly briefed on the rule and that there is the means at regattas to address questions or issues pertaining to the rule or assigned handicaps. The mechanism for doing so will be in the form of a panel consisting of between 3 to 5 individuals who are experienced in the superyacht racing arena and very familiar with the ISYR. The Regatta Handicap Panel (RHP) will be administered by the Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA) in conjunction with the ISYR.

Panel Composition

The SYRA will establish a pool of individuals, who will include ISYR staff, professional sailors, Event Organizers (not from that specific regatta), Race Officials, and industry professionals. From this pool, individuals who will be competing or attending the upcoming regatta will be asked to participate on the panel. Providing there are a sufficient number of individuals attending a regatta, the composition of the RHP will be identified to all competitors in an Official Notice prior to racing.

RHP Responsibilities

It is important to note that the primary function of the RHP is not to adjust handicaps at regattas. In fact, ISYR policy discourages changing handicaps at regattas and only does so in three specific circumstances: 1) when mistakes are identified with measurement data; 2) for gross anomalies based on observed speed, and; 3) for yachts new to the ISYR where the handicap assigned clearly does not reflect potential speed.

RHP Responsibilities will include:

- Presenting the rule to the owners, boat captains and afterguard of those yachts which are participating in their first ISYR regatta (routinely following the Captain's Briefing);
- Providing the rule authority with race course observations including wind speed, direction, sea state, any sail handling, tactical and general performance anomalies, and other observations of competing yachts;
- Providing a forum for yacht owners and/or their representative(s) who are seeking information or clarification on the ISYR or are dissatisfied with their handicap or the handicap of any other yacht in the fleet;
- Determining whether a mid-regatta handicap adjustment is justified and if so providing input to the rule authority on the magnitude of any handicap change;
- Advising the yacht's representative whether a post regatta handicap review will be undertaken and a handicap adjustment considered;
- Keeping the Event Organizer apprised of any handicapping related issues.

RHP Procedure

- The composition of the RHP will be posted on the Notice Board prior to racing;
- Brief all yachts new to the rule on the ISYR after the Captain's Briefing;
- Yacht representatives can schedule to meet with the panel by submitting the applicable form available at the race office. The race office will notify the representative on the time and location of the meeting;
- Should there be a request for a handicap adjustment, the panel will take this into consideration based on ISYR policy on mid-regatta changes. The ISYR will be responsible for any mid-regatta adjustment after receiving input from the panel.
- The RHP will provide the Event Organizer and the SYRA with post-regatta summary of all meetings on site.



Regatta Name: Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous 2014

Yacht Name: _____

Yacht Representative: _____

- Purpose of Meeting:
- Information/clarification on the International Superyacht Rule (ISYR)
 - Yacht's assigned handicap
 - Another yacht's assigned handicap (Yacht Name: _____)
 - Other

Date of Request: _____

1. Any questions or concerns pertaining to ISYR handicapping issues should be referred to the Regatta Handicap Panel (RHP) and not to the Organizing Authority or members of the rule authority (ISYR).
2. Individuals requesting a meeting with the Regatta Handicap Panel should be prepared to meet prior to or following racing.
3. Background on the Regatta Handicap Panel including policy and procedure is available at the Race Office or on the SYRA website (www.superyachtracingassociation.com).
4. The ISYR and SYRA will brief all yachts new to the rule on the ISYR and have ensured that there is the means for entrants to address their questions or concerns pertaining to the rule or handicaps assigned. The mechanism for doing so will be in the form of a panel consisting of between 3 to 5 individuals who are experienced in the superyacht racing arena and very familiar with the ISYR.
5. It is important to note that the primary function of the RHP is not to adjust handicaps at regattas. In fact, ISYR policy discourages changing handicaps at regattas and only does so in three specific circumstances: 1) when mistakes are identified with measurement data; 2) for gross anomalies based on observed speed, and; 3) for yachts new to the ISYR where the handicap assigned clearly does not reflect potential speed.
6. If a yacht's representative has any new or relevant information that the rule authority may have been unaware of at the time the handicap was assigned, that information should be presented at the meeting.
7. The panel will advise whether a post regatta review will be undertaken and whether a handicap adjustment is likely. Yacht representatives may provide any information they feel would be relevant to the yacht's handicap to the ISYR following the regatta.

Representative: _____

<i>Administrative Use Only:</i>		
<i>Date Received:</i> _____	<i>Time Received:</i> _____	<i>Forwarded to Panel:</i> _____
<i>Scheduled Meeting Day & Time:</i> _____		