



LORO PIANA SUPERYACHT REGATTA 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Porto Cervo, 3rd - 7th June 2014



1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS);
 - (b) RRS Appendix SY (Exhibit 1);
 - (c) The International Super Yacht Rule (ISYR) handicap system (Exhibit 7);
 - (d) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board, but subject to the following amendments:
 - i. red parachute flares are not required (amends OSR 4.23)
 - ii. jackstays are not required (amends OSR 4.04)
 - (e) The Notice of Race (NoR);
 - (f) RRS 55 is changed adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted'.
 - (g) These Sailing Instructions (SI), Appendix ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, ECHO and all Exhibits (1- 8).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply, except Appendix ALPHA for Italian competitors.
- 1.3 English shall be the official language used for the regatta. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 In the event of a discrepancy between the NoR and the SI, the SI take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Event Classification and Advertising

Refer to NoR, paragraph 2.

Flag and Pennant positioning (Appendix DELTA).

3. Venue

The Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) Clubhouse and the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located in front of the entrance of the YCCS Clubhouse.

4. Registration Formalities

4.1 To qualify as a competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 17.00 hours on June 3rd, 2014:

- Entry form duly signed;
- Crew list duly signed by all crew members;
- ISYR handicap certificate;
- Safety Officer Form;
- Support boat declaration, if applicable.

4.2 Without the approval in writing of the Organizing Authority:

- (i) boats not complying with the requirements of SI 4.1 are not eligible for the event;
- (ii) the value of handicap certificates issued by 30th May 2014 shall not be modified except by the ISYR for the following reasons: an error in the yacht's measurement data, for 'gross anomalies' (the observed performance demonstrates that the assigned handicap is far from accurate or fair) and for those yachts 'new to the rule' which have been issued a provisional certificate.
In these instances, the handicap will be adjusted only when there is a high level of confidence that the adjusted handicap will more accurately reflect the speed potential of the yacht.

4.3 Crew list changes shall be communicated to the Race Office on the available form by 09.30 hours each day of racing and shall be approved by the Race Committee (RC).

5. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

5.1 Any amendments to the SI will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.00 hours on the day it comes into effect except that changes to the programme shall be posted by 20.00 hours on the day before the change takes effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices. A copy of each amendment will be available at the Race Office and in the boat's pigeonhole.

5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB and available at the Race Office. It is responsibility of Competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

5.3 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the SI may be made on the water by hail on the RC VHF Channel 72. The RC will display flag L with one sound before making the announcement.

6. Signals made ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flagpole located at the YCCS Clubhouse terrace.

6.2 The display or removal of signals ashore will be announced by sound signal and on VHF Channel 72. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound signals or radio broadcasts. (This amends RRS 62.1(a)).

6.3 Race Signal flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means "The race not started is *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 60 minutes after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*." This changes RRS Race Signals.

7. Programme

7.1 The programme (Appendix ECHO) will be as follows:

Tuesday, 3 rd June	Inspections, Registrations from 10.00 to 17.00 Captain's Briefing at 18.00 hrs (YCCS 2 nd floor); Immediately following, the Regatta Handicap Panel will meet with yacht owners and afterguards of those new to the rule;
Wednesday, 4 th June	Race – Warning Signal at 12.00 hrs;
Thursday, 5 th June	Race – Warning Signal at 12.00 hrs;
Friday, 6 th June	Race – Warning Signal at 12.00 hrs;
Saturday, 7 th June	Race – Warning Signal at 12.00 hrs; Prize Giving at 18.00 hrs.

7.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and other unforeseen reasons.

8. Safety Officer

8.1 Each yacht shall designate a Safety Officer and submit a Safety Officer Information Form in advance (Exhibit 6) to be distributed to all captains via email. The Safety Officer's name, local mobile telephone number and email address must be confirmed at registration.

8.2 The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose primary responsibility will be collision avoidance, the safe manoeuvring of the yacht and communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel 8 (refer to SI 22.4) while racing. The Safety Officer should have no other responsibility above and beyond these safety 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.

9 Captain's Briefing and Mandatory Safety Briefings

9.1 The pre-regatta Captain's Briefing will be held on June 3rd at 18.00 hours at the YCCS Clubhouse. Attendance is mandatory for the Boat Captain, designated Safety Officer and Racing Tactician (if applicable).

9.2 There may be the need for a pre or post-race safety meeting depending on safety issues on the race course on a given day. Yachts will be notified via VHF, e-mail and mobile telephones. Safety meetings are mandatory for Boat Captains, Safety Officers and Racing Tacticians.

10. Daily Declaration Form, Portable GPS and Rangefinders

10.1 Each yacht's Safety Officer shall complete a daily Declaration Form (Exhibit 3). The completed form shall be delivered to the Race Office as soon as practical following racing each day, but not later than two hours after finishing.

10.2 At registration each boat will be issued a Trac Trac tracking system unit, with the charger, that shall be attached to each yacht in accordance with the instructions in SI Exhibit 4. It is mandatory for each boat to recharge the unit every evening in order to have it fully charged for the next day. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee who may take action. The Trac Trac unit and the charger shall be returned to the Race Office after the last race of the event.

10.3 The Trac Trac tracking system unit will track the yacht's course each day. The Race Committee will have a comprehensive record of every crossing, rounding or passing situation and be able to monitor the 40 meter minimum separation. Races can be viewed on the YCCS web site at the link below:

live tracking: <http://www.yccs.com/en/regate-2014/211-loro-piana-superyacht-regatta-2014/980-programme-info.html>

10.4 All yachts will be issued a Pantaenius Laser Rangefinder which is to be used by the afterguard to determine distance between yachts (see Exhibit 5). Rangefinders shall be returned to the Race Office along with the Trac Trac units and charger after the last race of the event.

11. Use of Engines and Thrusters

11.1 For safety reasons, boats are encouraged to run their engines in neutral at any time during the race. Engines may be put into gear and thrusters may be used at any time during the race for a boat to take such action as will best aid to avoid a collision.

11.2 A boat that puts her engine in gear or uses her thruster at any time after four minutes prior to her individual start, must submit a written declaration of "engine use" to the Race Office as soon as practical after racing, stating the time the engine was in gear or thruster used, the reason for using it, and any potential competitive gain.

11.3 The RC will review all declarations on engine and thruster use to determine whether use was appropriate and if there was a significant advantage.

12. Staggered Starting Procedure

12.1 The Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta features a Staggered Start. The starting time interval between yachts will be 2 minutes with the starting order outlined in Appendix CHARLIE. Appendix CHARLIE will be posted on the ONB when registration is completed.

12.2 Rule 26 is changed to:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals for the first starter and VHF broadcasts thereafter. The absence of visual signals shall be disregarded.

The interval between starts will be 2 minutes with no visual signals for boats with the exception of the first and last starters. The RC will use a sound signal for each start and attempt to broadcast on VHF 72 the name of each boat starting.

Signal	Flag	Sound	1 st Starting Signal
Warning 1 st boat	Flag Delta	1 sound	5 (1200)
Preparatory 1 st boat	P Flag	1 sound	4 (1201)
Start 1 st boat	P Flag removed	1 sound	0 (1205)
Start 2 nd boat		1 sound	-2
Etc.			
Start last boat	Delta Flag removed	1 sound	To be Determined

Each boats preparatory signal will be four minutes before her starting signal. The absence of visual or sound signals shall be disregarded.

12.3 In accordance with RRS 26 the flag utilized as the Class Flag will be Flag "D". At or before the warning signal for the first boat, the RC will display the number of the course to be sailed on a number board on the Race Committee signal boat. The RC will attempt to announce the start of each boat on VHF channel 72.

12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable starting mark at the port end. The starting mark may be replaced by a Service Boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service Boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines.

12.5 The starting area will extend 200 meters on either side of the starting line and 400 meters on the pre-start side of the line. Boats which are not in their starting sequence (5 minutes prior to their starting time) shall stay clear of the starting area and boats which have yet to start should stay clear of boats racing on the course side of the starting line.

12.6 All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after a boat's preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 metres of it. Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat by the International Jury.

13. Recalls

There will be no individual recalls. Any yacht crossing the starting line early shall not restart and will be given a penalty equal to 5 minutes plus the time she was over. A yacht that crosses the starting line more than 3 minutes early will not be scored. This changes RRS 28.1, 29.1, A4.2.

14. Starting Area - Courses - Finishing Line - Marks

Starting Areas, courses, finishing lines and marks are described in Appendix Bravo, Coastal and Island Courses - Edition 2014. Inflatable marks will be yellow. Some of the marks will have a sponsor banner.

15. Committee, Jury, Service, Press and Support Boats

15.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS and/or the event' flag. The Race Committee boat will normally be the signal boat.

15.2 Service boats will be marked by a flag with a red letter "S" on a white background.

15.3 The Jury boat will display a white flag with "J".

15.4 Boats used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc... are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

15.5 Support boats must register at the Race Office and display the identification flag given.

16. Time Limit

The time limit is 18.30 hours each day. If at least one boat in a division sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all other boats in a division which finish within 100 minutes after the finish of the first boat will be scored. Boats failing to finish within 100 minutes after the first boat in division sails the course and finishes will be scored one position worse than the last boat in the division that finished within that time. However on the last day of the regatta a period of 70 minutes shall be substituted for the period of 100 minutes.

This changes RRS 35 and A4.1. In case of postponement of the starting time the time limit will not be changed.

17. Scoring

17.1 Scoring will be done in accordance with RRS Appendix A except that no score will be excluded.

17.2 Four races are scheduled of which one race will constitute a series.

17.3 Immediately after and/or during the finish of boats, informal and provisional results may be issued by the Race Office for information only. Formal final results shall be signed by the RC.

18. Penalty System

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

18.2 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, unless 8 boats are entered in which case it is three, 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.

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

19. Protests

19.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60 and 61.

19.2 Protest forms are available at Regatta Headquarters and the completed Protest Form shall be lodged there within the protest time limit, which is 90 minutes after the last boat in the division has finished the last race of that day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

19.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after the protest time limit. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury Room.

19.4 The RC or the International Jury intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the ONB within the protest time limit.

19.5 Breaches of instructions 2, 4.3, 10, 11, 12.5, 22.7 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

19.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

19.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on:

(a) a Jury decision, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted ;

(b) an incident in the racing area, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the incident.

This changes RRS 62.2.

19.8 It is the boat representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest time limit to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).

20. International Jury

Protests will be heard by an International Jury (IJ) whose ruling shall be final. The components of the IJ will be:

Gordon Stredwick	UK	President
Willii Gohl	GER	
Zoran Grubisa	CRO	
Emilio Feliu	ESP	
Peter Valentino	MLT	

21. Communication (VHF Radio – Mobile Phones - AIS)

21.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72 for communication. All competitors must monitor this channel from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

21.2 A time check may be transmitted by the RC over VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day.

21.3 There shall be no claim for redress by a boat in the case of failure to make a radio transmission, delay or error in a transmission, or failure to receive or hear a transmission. This changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).

21.4 The Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel is VHF 8. The Safety Officer on all yachts must maintain an active radio watch on VHF 8 from their approach to the starting area until departing the finish area following the race. This channel should be used in close quarters to determine other yacht's intentions, resolve confusion and assist with collision avoidance. If VHF 8 is congested, yachts may also use race committee VHF channel 72 for collision avoidance.

21.5 Back up to the Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel and Race Committee Channel will be mobile phone communications. All boats will be provided with a list of mobile phone numbers for each yacht's Boat Captain and Safety Officer. Telephone communication is strongly encouraged when the VHF safety Channel and Race Committee Channel are in use. This changes RRS 41.

21.6 Yachts equipped with an 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. This can assist in maintaining safe separation between yachts and collision avoidance.

21.7 All racing yachts must conduct a radio check with the Race Committee boat on the Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel (VHF 8) between 11.00 and 11.45 hours each race day.

22. Safety Requirement and Retirement

22.1 The man-overboard procedure should be practiced aboard each boat at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.

22.2 In the event of a man overboard during a race, if a boat tender or Race Committee boat is in the immediate vicinity, that vessel may recover the man overboard. Whether the man overboard is transferred back to the racing boat, or not, will be at the discretion of the boat captain. This changes RRS 47.2.

22.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee Boat by hailing or on VHF channel 72 before leaving the race area, or calling the Race Office as soon as practical.

22.4 Boats that do not intend to race shall notify the Race Office before 10.00 hours.

22.5 A boat forced to return ashore to a point different than its assigned mooring place at Porto Cervo Marina or that cannot reach the Marina by its own means shall inform the Regatta Headquarters of its circumstances immediately by calling any of the following:

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| - <u>Race Committee</u> | VHF Channel 72 |
| - <u>YCCS Race Office</u> | Phone n + 39 333.48.583.85 |

23. Berthing

Free moorings will be available at Porto Cervo Marina as detailed in the NoR. Boats shall only use the moorings assigned to them. Mooring fees will be applied for boats not respecting the assigned mooring place. For assistance with the mooring please contact the Marina Office on VHF Channel 9.

On arrival in Porto Cervo all boats shall register with the Marina Office.

Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Office. Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Office.

24. Control, Measurement and Inspection

24.1 Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta. Boats shall only be measured or inspected by individuals pre-approved by the Organizing Authority.

24.2 All boats must comply with all safety requirements and carry all safety equipment obligated by their Flag State or Classification Category.

25. Trophies

Refer to Notice of Race Paragraph 19.

Attachments:

- Exhibits:**
- N. 1 Appendix SY - Superyacht Racing Rules;
 - N. 2 On Water Emergency;
 - N. 3 Daily Declaration Form;
 - N. 4 TRAC TRAC – Tracking system Instructions;
 - N. 5 Pantaenius Rangefinder;
 - N. 6 Safety Officer Requirements;
 - N. 7 International Superyacht Rule.
 - N.8 Rule Compliance and Enforcement

- Appendices:**
- ALPHA: FIV Prescriptions;
 - BRAVO: Coastal and Island Courses;
 - CHARLIE: Starting Sequence;
 - DELTA: Refer to SI at paragraph 2;
 - ECHO: Event Program.

Appendix ALPHA

FIV PRESCRIPTION PART 6- ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION Rule 75 – ENTERING A RACE Prescription to Rule 75.2

The Italian Sailing Federation prescribes: current FIV regulations are to be followed when accepting entries; the Italian competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership and the owners of boats of recognized classes, including offshore must also hold a valid and current FIV Membership, even if they are not sailing the race.

Appendix BRAVO

Separate booklet in the captains' pack



Appendix DELTA

