



LORO PIANA SUPERYACHT REGATTA

Porto Cervo, 2-6 June 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS);
- (b) Appendix SY to the RRS (Exhibit 1) <http://www.superyra.org/appendix-sy.html> ;
- (c) The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCSy) and ORCSy Rule Policy;
- (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) These Sailing Instructions (SI), Appendix ALPHA, BRAVO and all Exhibits (1- 6).

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 Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Event classification and advertising

Refer to Notice of Race Paragraph 2.

Flags positioning:



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 and submitted to the Race Office by 17.00 hours on June 2nd, 2015:

- Signed entry form;
- Crew list & TV rights duly signed by all crew members;
- Valid ORCs/y Handicap Certificate;
- Safety Officer Form (NoR 16 - SI 9);
- Name, mobile telephone numbers and email address for boat captain, safety officer and racing tactician.

4.2 Without the written approval of the Organizing Authority:

- (i) yachts not complying with the requirements of S.I. 4.1 are not eligible for the event;
- (ii) and the value of handicap certificates issued by the 25th May 2015 shall not be modified except by the ORC for reasons specified in ORCs/y Rule Policy (www.orc.org/superyacht).

4.3 Crew list changes shall be communicated to the Race Office on the appropriate form by 09.00 hours on the race day(s) when there are changes.

5. Amendments and Notices to Competitors

5.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions 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 19.00 hours on the day before the change takes effect and posted on the regatta web-sites (www.loropianasuperyachtregatta.com - www.yccs.com). It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB and on the regatta web-sites.

5.3 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by broadcast on race committee VHF Channel 72. The Race Committee 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.

6.2 The display or removal of signals ashore will be announced by sound signal on VHF Channel 72. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound or radio signals. (This amends RRS 62).

6.3 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means "Races not started are postponed". This changes RRS Race Signals. No warning signal will be made prior to 90 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

7. Programme

7.1 The programme will be as follows:

Tuesday 2 nd June	Registration at Regatta Headquarters	10:00 - 17:00
	Skippers Briefing	18:00
	to follow Overview of the new ORCs/y handicap rule	
Wednesday 3 rd June	Race	12:00
Thursday 4 th June	Race	12:00
Friday 5 th June	Race	12:00
Saturday 6 th June	Race	12:00
	Prize Giving	

7.2 The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme based on weather conditions and other unforeseen reasons.

7.3 The warning signal is scheduled for 12.00 hours on each race day. The series is valid if one race is completed.

7.4 The full programme will be posted on the ONB, published on the event websites and available at the Race Office.

8. The start - Courses – Marks - Finish

Information on the start, courses, marks and finish are described in SI Paragraphs 13, 14, 15 and Appendix BRAVO (Coastal and Island Courses 2015 - *Separate Booklet available in the Regatta Kit*).

9. Safety Officer

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

9.2 The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose primary responsibility will be communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel while racing (refer to SI 19.4), collision avoidance, and the safe manoeuvring of the yacht. 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 his or her possession from the time the yacht approaches the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

9.3 The Safety Officer shall attend all pre-race briefings and will be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form (Exhibit 3) is returned to the Race Office each day. The Safety Officer is also responsible for the Trac Trac portable GPS for race tracking as explained in SI Exhibit 4 and for the Rangefinder as explained in SI Exhibit 5.

10. Captain's Briefing and Mandatory Safety Briefings

10.1 The pre-regatta Captain's Briefing will be held on June 2nd at 18.00 hours at the YCCS Clubhouse. Attendance is mandatory for the Boat Captain, designated Safety Officer and Racing Tactician (if applicable).

10.2 There may be the need for a pre or post-race safety meeting depending on safety issues on the race course on any given race day. Yachts will be notified via VHF and mobile telephones.

These meetings will be mandatory for Boat Captains, Safety Officers and Racing Tacticians.

11. Daily Declaration Form, Portable GPS and Rangefinders

11.1 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 practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

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

11.3 The Trac Trac GPS tracking unit will track the yacht's course each day. The Race Committee will have a comprehensive record of every crossing, rounding and passing situation and be able to monitor the 40 metre minimum separation requirement. Breaches of SI 11 will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

11.4 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). The rangefinders shall be returned to the Race Office along with the Trac Trac units and charger on Saturday 6th June, at the conclusion of racing.

12. Use of Engines and Thrusters

12.1 For safety reasons, yachts 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 by a yacht to avoid a collision.

12.2 A yacht 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" on the Daily Declaration Form 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.

12.3 The Race Committee will review all declarations on engine and thruster use to determine whether use was appropriate and if there was a significant advantage gained. The use of engine or thruster at any time shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

13. Racing Format and The Start

13.1 Yachts in different classes may sail different courses each day. Slower rated yachts will start before faster rated yachts in their class.

13.2 Class A will race with a staggered start format using a 2-minute gap between starts. Scoring will be with Time-on-Time (ToT) rating allowances for the declared wind range and sea state each day (see ORCs Rule Policy).

13.3 Classes B and C will race with a pursuit start format. Starting times are determined by the course length and each yacht's Time-on Distance (ToD) rating allowance for the declared wind range and sea state (see ORCs Rule Policy).

13.4 The Race Committee will use forecasts and observed conditions on the racecourse before declaring the wind range and sea state for scoring purposes. It will broadcast the course and starting sequence for the day on VHF 72 between approximately 11:00 – 11:45 hours (unless postponed). Best efforts will be made to post the starting sequence on the event websites www.loropianasuperyachtregatta.com - www.yccs.com and email to all Captains. Note: a yacht's starting time and/or starting order can change from race to race because of different wind strength, sea state and course lengths (see www.orc.org/superyacht for details).

13.5 The start time for the first yacht in fleet is scheduled for 12:05 each day. The start times will be gapped at not less than 30 second intervals. A sound signal will be made for each start and the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast each start.

13.6 Rule 26 is changed to: races shall be started by using the following signals. The flag utilized as the class flag will be a large event flag with the event logo (the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta flag). The absence of visual signals shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Time
Warning 1st yacht	Loro Piana SR Flag	1 sound	5 (12:00)
Preparatory 1 st yacht	P Flag	1 sound	4 (12:01)
Starting 1 st yacht	P Flag removed	1 sound	0 (12:05)
Starting 2 nd yacht	None	1 sound	To be determined
Etc.			
Starting last yacht	Loro Piana SR Flag removed	1 sound	To be determined

A yacht's individual preparatory signal is four minutes prior to her individual scheduled start. Apart from the signal for the first boat, there will be no flag or sound for any preparatory signal and no flag for any starting signal. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast each start on VHF 72.

13.7 If the start of a race is postponed, the Race Committee will display AP over numeral pennants signifying the number of minutes from the scheduled starting time (each yacht's starting time will be moved back exactly that number of minutes). The Race Committee will announce any postponement on VHF 72.

13.8 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. Yachts that are not in their starting sequence (5 minutes prior to their starting time) shall stay clear of the starting area. A full description of the starting and finishing line is in Appendix BRAVO.

14. Recalls

There will be no individual recalls. Any yacht crossing the starting line early shall not restart and will be given penalty equal to 5 minutes plus the time she was over early. 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.

15. Committee Boat, Service Boats, Support Boats, Press Vessels

15.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS. The Race Committee boat will normally be the starting and finishing boat.

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

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

15.4 Support boats must register at the Race Office and collect identification flags. The Organizing Authority requires all support boats to stay clear of race boats other than their own and not interfere in any way with the racing. Support boats may come inside the sailing area providing they do not interfere with race boats. Any race boat observing support boat interference should report this on their Daily Declaration Form.

16. Time Limits

16.1 The time limit is 19.00 hours. If at least one yacht in class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all other yachts in class which complete the course within 90 minutes after the finish of the first yacht in class will be scored points for their finishing place.

16.2 Yachts failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of yachts in that class that finished that race in accordance with SI 16.1 plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

17. Safety Requirement and Retirement

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

17.2 In the event of a man overboard during a race, if a yacht 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 yacht, or not, will be at the discretion of the yacht captain. A yacht may continue in the race without the man if another vessel recovers the man overboard. This changes RRS 47.2.

A man overboard shall be noted on the Daily Declaration Form. The circumstances of the recovery, whether by the racing yacht or another vessel, will be reviewed by the Race Committee and Jury.

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

17.4 A yacht that does not intend to race shall notify the Race Office before 09.00 hours.

17.5 A yacht forced to return ashore to a point different than its assigned mooring place in the Marina or that cannot reach the Marina by its own means shall inform the Race Committee of its circumstances immediately.

18. Protests

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

18.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office and the completed Protest Form shall be lodged there within 120 minutes after the protesting yacht has finished the race of the day.

18.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible in approximately the order received. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the Protest Room located at the YCCS Clubhouse.

18.4 The Race Committee or the Protest Committee intending to protest a yacht 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 of the last yacht to finish.

18.5 Sailing Instructions 2, 12 and 14 shall not be subject to protest by competing yachts (Amends Rule 60).

18.6 If there is an incident on the water and no protest is filed or penalty declared, the yachts' Safety Officers and racing tacticians are expected to meet immediately following the racing to discuss and resolve any minor safety issues, sportsmanship, or issues pertaining to competitive advantage. If unable to resolve the issues, competitors are encouraged to file for a Safe Racing Hearing with the Jury/Protest Committee on their Daily Declaration Form.

18.7 On the last day of the Series a request for reopening a hearing held on the previous day shall be lodged before or within the protest time limit. On the last day of the Series for the purpose of RRS 66 and 62.2 the time limit will be no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision of the protest (RRS 65) or of the relevant incident (RRS 62.2) - (Amends RRS 62.2 and 66).

18.8 Inquiries regarding a yacht's handicap and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 17.00 hours on 2nd June 2015.

18.9 It is the yacht representative's sole responsibility to check the ONB at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).

18.10 Competitors are requested to advise the Race Committee of their intent to protest, including identification of the protested boat, upon crossing the finish line.

19. Communication (VHF Radio - Mobile Phones - AIS)

19.1 The race committee will use VHF Channel 72 for communication with their first information announcement broadcasted at 10.00 hours each race day. All competitors must monitor this channel from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

19.2 A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes before the warning signal each day.

19.3 There shall be no claim for redress by a yacht 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).

19.4 The Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel is VHF 08. The Safety Officer on all yachts must maintain an active radio watch on VHF 08 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 08 is congested, yachts may also use Race Committee VHF channel 72 for collision avoidance.

19.5 Back up to the Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel and Race Committee Channel will be mobile phone communications. All competitors 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.

19.6 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.

19.7 All racing yachts must conduct a radio check with the Race Committee boat on the Bridge to Bridge Safety Channel (VHF 8) between 10.30 and 11.30 hours each race day.

20. Scoring

20.1 For Class A (staggered start format), yachts will be scored using the yachts ToT rating allowances, adjusted for any penalty. No scores will be excluded.

20.2 For classes B and C (pursuit start format), yachts will be scored on the order of class finish, adjusted for any penalty. No score will be excluded.

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

20.4 For classes racing in the pursuit start format, the order of class finish will not determine the finishing places if course is shortened. The ORCs will use Time-On-Distance scoring using the appropriate rating allowance (based on wind speed and sea state), the revised course length, and each yacht's elapsed time to determine the order of class finish for any shortened course race.

20.5 Decisions concerning start times, course selections, wind strength and sea state used for scoring are the responsibility of the Race Committee and are not grounds for request for redress. This changes

RRS 62.

21. Penalty System

21.1 One turn and two turn Penalties will not apply. 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 yachts in class (except that the minimum penalty is one place).

21.2 Exoneration Penalty:

a) A yacht 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 yachts are entered in class in which case it is three places, provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF). However, if the yacht 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 yacht nor the Jury may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(ii) The yacht 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.

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

21.4 A yacht shall declare any penalties she has taken on their Daily Declaration Form.

22. Control, Measurement and Inspection

22.1 Yachts shall be available for inspection not later than 10:00 on 2nd June, 2015. For yachts already in Porto Cervo, inspections may be carried out on 1st June, 2015. Yachts may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta. Yachts shall only be measured by measurers pre-approved by the Organizing Authority.

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

23. Trophies

Refer to Notice of Race Paragraph 18.

SI Exhibits and Appendix

Exhibits (copies of all exhibits are available at the Race Office and in the Captain's Packages):

- n1: Appendix SY;
- n2: On Water Emergency Procedures;
- n3: Daily Declaration Form;
- n4: Trac Trac GPS tracker instructions;
- n5: Pantaenius Rangefinder instructions;
- n6: Safety Officer Requirement & Form;

APPENDICES:

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 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: Coastal and Island Courses 2015 - *Separate Booklet available in the Regatta Kit.*