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APPENDIX SY
SUPERYACHT RACING RULES

When stated in the notice of race, races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 as changed by this appendix.

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SY1 TERMINOLOGY

'Superyacht' means a boat with a hull length greater than 30.5 metres.

SY2 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 1 and Part 2

SY2.1 The definition *Keep Clear* is changed to:

Keep Clear A boat *keeps clear* of a right-of-way boat if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

SY2.2 The definition *Mark* is changed to:

Mark An object or *waypoint* the sailing instructions require a boat to leave on a specified side, a race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends, and an object intentionally attached to the object or vessel. However, an anchor line is not part of the *mark*.

SY2.3 The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat

(a) to sail to the *mark* when her *proper course* is to sail close to it,

(b) to round or pass the *mark* on the required side, and

(c) to leave it astern,

with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

SY2.4 Add new definition *Overtaking*:

Overtaking A boat is *overtaking* when she is approaching a boat from *clear astern*. She remains the *overtaking* boat until she is *clear ahead*. The other boat is the boat being *overtaken*.

SY2.5 The definition *Room* is changed to:

Room The space a boat needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31, while manoeuvring promptly in a seamanlike way, with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

SY2.6 Add new definition *Waypoint*:

Waypoint A geographic position on the surface of the water defined by WGS 84 latitude and longitude coordinates expressed in degrees decimal minutes (DDM).

SY2.7 The definition *Zone* is changed to:

Zone The area around a *mark* within a distance of 300 metres of it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

SY2.8 Add new rule 1.3:

1.3 Communication

At all times while in the racing area, a boat shall

- (a) monitor the safety channel specified in the sailing instructions,
- (b) respond promptly to a hail from another boat, and
- (c) communicate with other boats on matters of safety.

SY2.9 Rule 17 is changed to:

17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE

17.1 A *leeward* boat shall not sail above her *proper course* while she is within 80 metres of the *windward* boat.

17.2 When boats on the same *tack* are within 80 metres of each other, a boat being *overtaken* shall sail her *proper course* until the *overtaking* boat becomes *overlapped* with her. However, if a boat being *overtaken* would break another rule of Part 2 in order to sail her *proper course*, rule 17.2 does not apply.

17.3 If there is reasonable doubt that a boat is *overtaking* another boat, it shall be presumed that she is.

SY3 Changes to the Rules of Part 4 and Part 5

SY3.1 Rule 42.3(g) is changed to:

- (g) Any means of propulsion may be used to help a person or another vessel in danger, or as required to comply with rule 14, Avoiding Contact.

SY3.2 Rule 60.4(c)(1) is changed to:

- (c) However, rule 60.4(b) does not apply to a *protest* from
 - (1) the protest committee or race committee if it learns of an incident involving a boat that may have resulted in injury or serious damage, that may have sailed within 40 metres of another boat, or that did not respond to a radio hail.

Note: Approved as an appendix to be placed on the World Sailing website for development of this discipline. The appendix may be changed with the approval of the World Sailing Racing Rules Committee.