



LORO PIANA CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS 2016

Virgin Gorda, 9 – 12 March 2016

Virgin Gorda, 21/12/2015

Dear Captains,

Attached please find NOR Amendment #1 and Exhibit 2, both dealing with the Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta & Rendezvous requirement for a designated 'RRS-Safety Afterguard Member'.

For those Captains who have been active on the superyacht racing circuit, we encourage you to read the 'Background' section of Exhibit 2, which explains the reasons for the change from Safety Officer to RRS-Safety Afterguard Member.

It is worth noting that this change, approved at the 2015 SYRA Annual General Meeting, does not represent an additional requirement for entrants, but instead a modified one.

The SYRA and Regatta Organizers are confident that this clarifies the fact that the Captain has ultimate responsibility for the safe operation of the yacht, and that this represents another step forward with safe racing.

Please note that the compliance form found on page 2 of Exhibit 2 is due no later than 1st February 2016.

For those yachts also entering the Bucket Regatta and using the same RRS-Safety Afterguard member, you only need to fill out the Exhibit 2 form once and forward to both Organizers.

If you have any questions, please call or email us.

Race Committee

Posted at: 12.00 hours



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NOR Amendment #1

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NOR Paragraph 16

Delete and replace Paragraph 16 with:

16 RRS-SAFETY AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE

- 16.1 Each yacht shall ensure that at least one afterguard member is active with of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and has a thorough understanding of the RRS and the Appendix SY. The 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, 2016. Exhibit 2 can be found on the event website, and will be distributed to all captains via email.
- 16.2 The Organizing Authority will review all compliance forms prior to 15th February, 2016 and communicate any concerns or issues to the 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 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.

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SI Exhibit 2

DESIGNATED RRS-SAFETY AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE

The Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta and Rendezvous requirement for a designated 'RRS-Safety Afterguard Member' can be found in NOR Amendment 1.

BACKGROUND:

It has become apparent in recent superyacht regattas that some designated 'Safety Officers' did not have the required qualifications or experience for that crew position; specifically a thorough understanding of *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Additionally, it was revealed that in some instances no member of the afterguard had an adequate level of experience and expertise with the RRS, leading to unexpected encounters and undesired outcomes on the racecourse.

Hence, the SYRA and superyacht regatta organizers have taken two important steps:

First, the individual monitoring the VHF Safety Channel will be designated the 'Communications Officer' as opposed to the 'Safety Officer'. The previous terminology 'Safety Officer' was misleading because the Captain is the individual who has the ultimate responsibility for the safe operation of the yacht at all times. It is now **required** that each yacht have a Communications Officer. It is **recommended** that the Communications Officer, in addition to having experience with radio protocol, also have experience with and an understanding of the RRS.

Second, it is **required** that the Captain 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 Captain will determine what crew position that individual assumes (tactician, helmsman, navigator, strategist, communications officer, etc.) As such, each yacht must submit the name of their designated 'RRS-Safety Afterguard Member' and Communications Officer, using the appropriate form (page 2 of this document). In addition to answering the questions in Exhibit 2, the designated 'RRS-Safety Afterguard Member' is encouraged to include a sailing resume or list of relevant credentials and experience. The Organizing Authority will review all forms (**due no later than 1st February, 2016**) and communicate any concerns or issues to the Captain.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS:

The fundamental credentials and qualifications that the designated RRS-Safety Afterguard Members are required and recommended to possess:

Required:

- Currently active and fully conversant with *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (routinely racing as an afterguard member – in either large yachts or smaller boats);
- A thorough understanding of racing tactics, preferably active in the role of tactician;
- A thorough understanding of the RRS Appendix SY;
- Experience with VHF radio protocol and an understanding of the important role that active, professional dialogue on the dedicated VHF Safety Channel plays in superyacht racing;
- A thorough understanding of the regatta's racing documents (*rules*) including the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Amendments and Exhibits;
- Conversant in English.

Strongly Recommended:

- Experience racing large yachts as a member of the afterguard (helmsman, racing tactician, navigator);
- Experience with the RRS Appendix SY (as a superyacht afterguard member);
- Experience with and knowledge of the manoeuvring characteristics and limitations of his or her superyacht, as well as those of other competitors.

**RRS-Safety Afterguard Member and Communications Officer
COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION FORM
2016 Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta and Rendezvous
(submit no later than 1st February, 2016)**

Please answer all questions below and use a second page if necessary to provide additional relevant information. Attaching a sailing resume is encouraged. This form will be reviewed by the Organizing Authority (OA) and retained by the OA and the Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA).

Yacht Name: _____ Boat Captain: _____

Designated RRS-Safety Afterguard Member Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Position: Tactician Navigator Helmsman Strategist Communications Officer

Other _____

Permanent Crewmember Part time Racing Crewmember

Fully conversant in English: Yes No

Possess a thorough understanding of the RRS: Yes No

Currently active with the RRS *as an afterguard member*: Yes No

Recent racing experience **in other than superyachts as an afterguard member** (past 3 years). Include regatta names, years, boats, and crew positions:

Has read and understands the RRS Appendix SY: Yes No

Recent **superyacht racing as an afterguard member**, using the Appendix SY. Include regatta names, years, yachts and your crew positions (recommended, not required, if you have afterguard racing experience in other than superyachts):

Racing experience on this particular yacht: Yes No (include regatta names, years, and crew positions):

List any additional relevant credentials, classifications or qualifications (e.g. International or National Judge, Marine Industry Professional, etc.):

If the Designated RRS-Safety Afterguard Member is not going to be the yacht's Communications Officer, please provide name, email address and mobile phone number of the Communications Officer:

Designated 'Communications Officer' Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Please include any relevant documents, such as your sailing resume, and return this form by e-mail, or fax to:

EMAIL: secretariat@yccs.it - FAX: +39-0789-91213