



LORO PIANA SUPERYACHT REGATTA

Porto Cervo, 3 - 8 June 2019

DESIGNATED RRS AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE

SI Exhibit 2

BACKGROUND:

It has become apparent at superyacht regattas that some designated 'Safety Officers' did not meet the criteria for that crew position; specifically, in many cases, being active with *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 took two important steps:

First, 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.

NOR 15.1 Each yacht shall ensure that at least one afterguard member is familiar with 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 Afterguard Member and the Communications Officer in advance, no later than 2 May, 2019. Exhibit 2 can be found on the YCCS website and will be distributed to all Captains via email. .

Secondly, the individual monitoring the VHF Safety Channel is 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.

As such, each yacht must submit the name of their designated 'RRS 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 Afterguard Member' is encouraged to include a sailing resume or list of relevant racing credentials and experience. The Organizing Authority will review all forms (**due no later than 20th May, 2019**) and communicate any concerns or issues to the Captain.

If the designated RRS Afterguard Member submitted a form at a previous regatta and the name is listed on the SYRA website superyra.org/after-guard, then the yacht is not required to resubmit the form.

CREDENTIALS and EXPERIENCE:

The fundamental credentials and experience that the designated RRS 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). "*Currently active*" is a key component here;
- 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.

Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta 2019

RRS Afterguard Member and Communications Officer – Exhibit 2 - Page2/2

COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION FORM (submit no later than 2nd May, 2019)

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- 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 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 to:

EMAIL: secretariat@yccs.it