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Dear Peter

RRS 86.2 & ISAF Regulation 31.1.3 – SuperYacht Racing Association

After consulting the Chairman of the ISAF Racing Rules Committee I can confirm to you that as per ISAF Regulation 31.1.3 (now numbered 28.1.3 in the 2011 ISAF Regulations) the ISAF Executive Committee has allowed the Organizing Authorities of the 2012 SuperYacht Racing Association events to change the Racing Rules of Sailing as stated in Appendix A of this letter. These rule changes have been allowed to help the SuperYacht Racing Association address the importance of safe racing and in particular collision avoidance.

These changes will be effective for the following events:

2012 SuperYacht Challenge Antigua	27-29 January
2012 Millennium Cup	15-18 February
2012 Caribbean SuperYacht Regatta	14-17 March
2012 St Barth's Bucket	22-25 March
2012 Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta	4-9 June
2012 Palma Superyacht Cup	20-23 June
2012 Pendennis Cup	2-7 July
2012 Cowes Superyacht Cup	22-25 July
2012 Newport Bucket	24-26 August
2012 Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup	2-8 September

As per RRS 86.2 this authorisation should be stated in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and should also be posted on the event's official notice board.

I would be grateful if ISAF can receive a report, within 7 days of the event, from the Organising Authority of the SuperYacht Challenge Antigua of these changes for the benefit of evaluating the development of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information about this subject.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alastair Fox".

Alastair Fox
Events Manager

Appendix A

A. **Change the definition *Keep Clear***

Keep Clear One boat *keeps clear* of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and with no less than forty (40) meters between the boats.

B. **Change the definition *Room***

Room The space a boat needs in the existing conditions while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way with no less than forty (40) meters between the boats.

C. **Change the definition *Mark Room***

Mark Room *Room* for a boat to sail to the mark, and then *room* to sail her *proper course* while at the *mark* with no less than forty (40) meters between the boats.

D. **Change the definition *Zone* or change rule 86.1(b) to allow a larger *Zone*.**

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

E. **Proper course for boats being overtaken. Replace rule 17 with:**

17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE WHEN BEING OVERTAKEN

17.1 A boat being overtaken shall sail her *proper course* from the time the overtaking boat is within eighty (80) meters of her until the overtaking boat is *clear ahead* or more than eighty (80) meters from her. This rule does not apply if the boat being overtaken is required by rule 13 to *keep clear* or if rules 10, 18, 19 or 20 apply.

17.2 An overtaking boat shall not sail within forty (40) meters of the other boat."