



Dear Superyacht Captain,

Welcome to the 2015 St Barths Bucket. The SYRA would like to remind you of a significant change to Appendix SY incorporated in 2014. The change was based upon feedback we received during superyacht regattas raced under Appendix SY in previous seasons.

- SY2.5
1.3 At all times while in the racing area, a boat shall monitor the VHF safety channel specified in the sailing instructions, shall respond promptly to a hail from another boat, and shall communicate with other boats on matters of safety.
- SY3.3
60.4 When the race committee or protest committee learns, from any source, of an incident involving boats sailing within 40 metres of each other, or not responding to a radio hail, it may protest any boat involved.

Radio communication is critical to collision avoidance. It was noted at numerous regattas that some afterguard members do not respond in a timely manner to hails from other yachts. Whether this was intentional for the purpose of competitive advantage (implied by some) or operator error, the SYRA Uniform Racing Rules Committee believes that the race committee and jury need the authority to act if they learn from any source(s) of a yacht not adhering to this requirement.

Please review Appendix SY, Version 2.2 (May 2014), which is attached here. SYRA will sponsor a Superyacht Racing Rules Review prior to the St. Barths Bucket on Thursday, March 19th, at the Bucket marquee on the quay immediately following the Captain's Briefing (approximately 1715-1800). Our jury members will be in attendance should you have any questions or require clarification.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter S. Craig', is located below the closing salutation.

Peter S. Craig
Executive Director
SuperYacht Racing Association

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APPENDIX SY SUPERYACHT RACING RULES

When stated in the notice of race and the sailing instructions, Superyacht races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix.

Version 2.2, May 2014.

SY1 TERMINOLOGY

‘Superyacht’ means a boat with a hull length greater than 30.5 metres. ‘Superyacht class’ means a racing fleet in which a majority of the fleet are superyachts.

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 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 40 metres between the boats.

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

Mark-Room *Room* for a boat to leave a *mark* on the required side with no less than 40 metres between the boats. Also,

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

(b) *room* to round the *mark* as necessary to sail the course.

SY2.3 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 maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way, with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

SY2.4 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*.

SY2.5 Add new rule 1.3:

1.3 Communication

At all times while in the racing area, a boat shall monitor the VHF safety channel specified in the sailing instructions, shall respond promptly to a hail from another boat, and shall communicate with other boats on matters of safety.

SY2.6 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 A boat being overtaken from *clear astern* shall sail her *proper course* from the time the overtaking boat is within 80 metres of her until the overtaking boat is *clear ahead* or more than 80 metres from her. The overtaking boat shall not sail within 40 metres of the other boat.

17.3 When rules 18, 19 or 20 apply, rules 17.1 and 17.2 do not.

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 52 is deleted.

SY3.3 Add new rule 60.4:

60.4 When the race committee or protest committee learns, from any source, of an incident involving boats sailing within 40 metres of each other, or not responding to a radio hail, it may *protest* any boat involved.

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