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NOR EXHIBIT X

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REGATTA NAME HERE
AFTERGUARD RACING RULES OF SAILING
REQUIREMENT

Notice of Race / Part X Section X

Requirement to Race:**NOTICE OF RACE****3 SAFE RACING (fill in appropriate NOR section for your regatta)**

3.2 *Each yacht shall designate one member of the afterguard who is currently active with and has a thorough understanding of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and submit the Requirement Form in advance (Exhibit X). Details of the Afterguard RRS requirements are posted on the event website and will be distributed to all captains via email*

Background:

It has become apparent at superyacht regattas that some Safety Officers do not have the qualifications or experience (specifically a thorough understanding of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*) currently required for this important crew position. In most cases, the individual onboard with RRS experience and expertise is the racing tactician. Unfortunately, it has been determined that in some instances nobody in the afterguard has an adequate level of experience and expertise with the RRS leading to an undesired outcome on the racecourse. Hence the – Regatta – requirements for all entries to submit a resume or statement detailing one designated member of the afterguard’s credentials supporting that the named individual is active with and has a thorough understanding of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. We ask that you use the **attached ‘Afterguard Requirement Form’** (page 2 of this document), which may include a sailing resume or statement listing experience and credentials for their designated afterguard member.

The Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA) has a Racing Safety Manual [posted on their website](#) that provides relevant details regarding the responsibilities of a superyacht afterguard. – Regatta – entrants are encouraged to review this important document, which details the preparation required prior to racing. This document was recently updated.

Qualifications and Credentials Required:

Listed here are some of the fundamental credentials and qualifications that the designated afterguard member should possess:

- Currently active and fully conversant with *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (routinely racing as an afterguard member – large yachts or smaller boats);
- Preferably has experience with the ISAF Appendix SY;
- Experienced racing large sailing yachts as a member of the afterguard (helmsman, racing tactician, navigator);
- Experienced with and aware of the manoeuvring characteristics and limitations of his or her superyacht, as well as those of other competitors;
- A thorough understanding of racing tactics, preferably active in the role of tactician;
- A thorough understanding of the regatta’s racing documents (*rules*) including the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Amendments and Exhibits;
- Conversant in English, experienced with VHF radio protocol, understanding the role that active, professional dialogue on the dedicated VHF Safety Channel plays in safe racing with superyachts.

Responsibilities:

The designated afterguard member may be the yacht’s helmsman, navigator or racing tactician. This individual’s role is to interact closely with the other members of the afterguard including the communications crewmember who man the designated VHF safety channel. The boat captain may be the communications crew member providing he/she can remain focused on those responsibilities for the duration of the race.

(Rules Compliance Requirement Information Form on page 2)

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AFTERGUARD RRS REQUIREMENT INFORMATION FORM

Please provide the following information. Use a second page if necessary and attach sailing resume for the designated afterguard member, if applicable.

YACHT NAME: _____

NAME OF DESIGNATED AFTERGUARD MEMBER: _____

NAME OF COMMUNICATION CREWMEMBER: _____

COMMUNICATION CREWMEMBER MOBILE PHONE NUMBER: _____

COMMUNICATION CREWMEMBER EMAIL: _____

COMMUNICATION CREWMEMBER FULLY CONVERSANT IN ENGLISH: YES ___ / NO ___

COMMUNICATION CREWMEMBER EXPERIENCED WITH VHF RADIO PROTOCOL: YES ___ / NO ___

DESIGNATED AFTERGUARD MEMBER'S RACING EXPERIENCE /UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (please include major regattas and your crew position on the boat):

SUPERYACHT RACING EXPERIENCE (please include crew position on the boat):

EXPERIENCE ON – **Regatta – Yacht**

(include crew position and if permanent crew and/or racing crew position):

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS / CREDENTIALS / CLASSIFICATIONS
(e.g. International or National Judge, Marine Industry Professional, etc.):

*Please include any relevant documents, such as a sailing resume, and return this form by e-mail, fax or mail to:
Your Regatta Contact Information here*