



# Summer News

June 2018



The 32 metre Bolero will be back to defend her title at the [2018 Superyacht Cup Palma](#) (19-23 June). An impressive fleet of 19 superyachts are entered in the 22nd edition. Photo courtesy of the Superyacht Cup

Palma

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## The Starting Line

I am pleased to present this inaugural SuperYacht Racing Association newsletter. It is our intent to offer another line of communication with our members, providing timely and relevant news on a periodic basis. I believe this will enhance our collective ability to ensure that safe sailing and fair racing issues are addressed in a timely fashion while growing participation and striving for continuity at all regattas.

The SYRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place in St Barths just prior to the Bucket Regatta. It was well attended and produced meaningful dialogue on some current challenges. The minutes, agenda and exhibits are posted on our [Member Meetings page](#).

We value and enjoy interacting with our members on site at the various regattas and hope that you will take advantage of both planned and informal meetings. Your SYRA Chairperson, Kate Branagh, will be front and center at the [Superyacht Cup Palma](#) and I will be working with the YCCS race management team at the [Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta](#) later this month and running the racing at the [Candy](#)

[Store Cup](#) in Newport later this summer.

We encourage participation by members in our active SYRA committees. As described below, there are good opportunities to influence our priorities and progress. If you have any questions or concerns, I hope that you will email me [peter@superyra.org](mailto:peter@superyra.org). Feedback on this newsletter and ideas for future ones are also welcome.

And always, it is important that we keep the [SYRA's Mission and Goals](#) in mind. This association is all about the superyacht owner and taking all available steps to enhance their enjoyment.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the upcoming events.

*Peter*

Peter Craig

SYRA Executive Director

Learn more about the SuperYacht Racing Association

## Coming Soon to a Regatta Near You

The stunning 58 metre *Ngoni*, launched in 2017, is a head turner to say the very least. The owner of the Dubois designed, Royal Huisman built high performance sloop intends to race in the future. With over 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> of downwind sail area, draft of over 8 metres (keel down) and 350 ton displacement, she will clearly get around any race course in a hurry.



- *Naval architect:* Dubois Naval Architects
- *Exterior stylist:* Dubois Naval Architects
- *Interior design:* Rick Baker Ltd.
- *Lighting design:* The Light Corporation
- *Project management:* Godfrey Cray Maritime Ltd. and Captain Iain Cook
- *Builder:* Royal Huisman
- *Year of delivery:* 2017
- *Length:* 58.15m / 190.3ft
- *Length:* Waterline 51.20m / 167.9 ft
- *Beam:* 9.54m / 31.3 ft
- *Draft (keel up):* 5.30m / 17.4 ft
- *Draft (keel down):* 8.10m / 26.2 ft
- *Displacement:* 353 tons / 778,231 lbs
- *Gross tonnage:* 396 GT
- *Hull speed:* 17 knots
- *Full air-draft:* 75m / 247ft

## Corinthian Spirit Class Racing



**Feature Article**  
**Expanding the Playing Field**

A 2017 SYRA initiative, Corinthian Spirit racing is showing some real traction just one year later. With fleet building a primary goal, this class is designed to attract yacht owners new to superyacht racing as well as with those who participated in the past, but are not currently competing. Informal polling has revealed that the reasons for dissatisfaction from those who left racing was quite varied, and included the former handicapping rule, expenses related to yacht optimization, the need to augment permanent crew, and perceptions regarding safe racing.

The SYRA, in collaboration with the ORC, has created a superyacht racing experience with an emphasis on fun, competitive racing with streamlined access to a handicap certificate, fewer regatta related expenses, and minimal impact on the yacht captain's resources. The initiative debuted successfully at the 2017 edition of the St Barths Bucket with four yachts competing and all participants pleased with the class debut. This year's Bucket featured a six-yacht class and the Superyacht Cup Palma will have a 'Spirit Class' later this month. [Read more](#)



Photos: *Baysian* (above) Michael Kurtz / Pantanius; *M5* (right) Ed Gudenas

## Superyacht News

***And the Winner is...***



The 2018 edition of the ***St Barths Bucket Regatta*** produced a deserving overall winner in *Nilaya*, hailing from the Gazelle class.

Photo: Ed Gudenas



At the ***2018 Superyacht Challenge Antigua***, the Frers designed, Royal Huisman built *SPIIP* defended her 2017 Corsairs Class win, finishing 1 point clear of *Elfje* and *Rebecca* after a competitive 5-race series. *SPIIP* was also the recipient of the coveted Gosnell Trophy, awarded to the yacht that competes in the ‘spirit of the regatta.’

Photo: Claire Matches





## Welcome New SYRA Members!

The following yachts have recently joined the SuperYacht Racing Association:

**FARFALLA, LEONARA, M5, NINGALOO, OHANA, VELSHEDA**

The complete list of members can be found on the [SYRA Members page](#).

Photo: Claire Matches



## Upcoming 2018 Regattas

Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta: 5-9 June

Superyacht Cup Palma: 19-23 June

The Candy Store Cup: 26-28 July

Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup: 2-8 September

The Perini Navi Cup: 19-22 September

Photo: Billy Black

2018 and 2019 Calendar

## FAIR RACING

### Measuring Yachts Under the ORCs



It is important to separate fact from fiction regarding measured yachts under the current superyacht handicapping rule. While the Rule Authority clearly prefers measured data over declared data, it is not mandatory to measure one's yacht in order to race under the ORCs. [Read More](#)

## Rules Corner: Featured Case Study

### #3 Leeward Port-Starboard At Finish

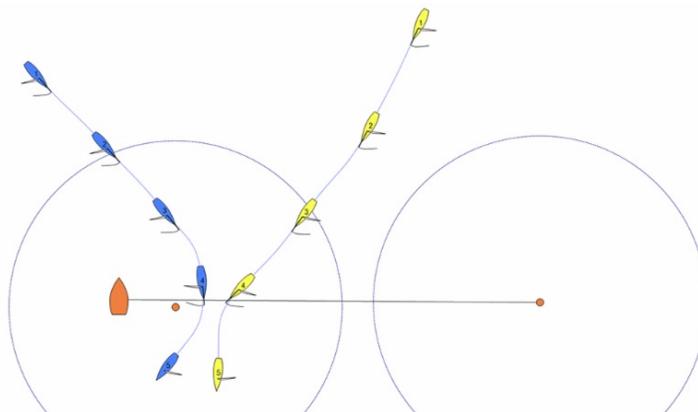
*The Racing Rules of Sailing* apply as changed by Appendix SY.

Blue and Yellow, both 37 metre yachts approach the finishing line overlapped on opposite tacks (see the last sentence of the definition *Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap*). The sailing instructions define the finishing line as being

between an orange flag on the race

committee signal boat and an orange cylinder buoy on the other end. However, an inner limit mark (ILM) is set near the signal boat which both boats must leave to starboard.

RRS 18.2(b) applies at position 2 when Blue enters the zone, 300 metres from the mark. At that time, Yellow, the outside boat is obligated under RRS 18.2(b) to give Blue, the inside boat, *mark room*, which in this case, includes *room* to sail to the *mark* and *room* to leave the mark on the required side with no less than 40 metres between the boats.



Yellow breaks rule 18.2(b) just before position 4 when the boats came within less than 40 metres of each other. Note that if Blue hits the mark, or fails to keep clear of Yellow on starboard, she will be exonerated under RRS 21 because Yellow failed to give her *mark room*. [more case studies](#)

## Pulling Together



Let's work together to develop a stronger, more robust superyacht racing community and enhance the enjoyment of all owners.

Members are invited to join our committees and working parties. Updates on those groups that are active are in process this spring.

If you have interest in actively participating, please contact [peter@superyra.org](mailto:peter@superyra.org)

Information on SYRA membership is [posted here](#). Please consider joining and supporting our mission and goals. Contact [jeanne@superyra.org](mailto:jeanne@superyra.org)

Photo: Claire Matches



## In Memoriam

John Williams, the greatly respected and loved owner of the J Class yacht *Ranger* recently passed away. In 2004 his *Ranger* was the first of the new generation of modern replicas which inspired a revival of the J Class fleet. His other notable superyachts included *Trinity*, *Georgia* and *Atlanta*. [Read more](#)

Photo: Michael Kurtz / Pantaenius

## SYRA Executive Committee

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