

2020 Virtual AGM

Exhibit 2 – Superyacht Racing / SYRA (April 2019 – March 2020)

Section 10 – Other Business

Paolo Massarini - A Difference Maker

February 16th was a sad day when we received word of Paolo's passing. Being involved in so many different aspects of our sport over nearly four decades, it is no surprise he is fondly and well-remembered by so many. As in all of Paolo's endeavors, his impact on superyacht racing was positive and meaningful. When the ORC superyacht rule came into play, Paolo was the (smiling) face of this successful initiative. He was the primary interface with superyacht representatives and with ORC's collaboration with the SYRA. His intellect, perspective and patient good humor contributed in a meaningful way to the rapidly evolving rule. Those who enjoy superyacht racing reaped the rewards. We know that at times the challenge of sailboat handicapping can be stressful and emotional for all involved. Paolo always brought reason and levity to the fore. Our talented and kind friend will be deeply missed by the superyacht handicapping team as we struggle to fill the void. [ORC's Full Obituary](#)

SYRA Winter Newsletter

If you didn't get a chance to read the Winter edition (February, 2020), [it is posted here](#).



2021 New Zealand Superyacht Regattas

Today, it is difficult to predict the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the 2021 America's Cup, or on the two superyacht regattas to take place just prior to the big event.

We do know at this juncture that a number of sailing superyachts from the northern hemisphere have either cancelled or put their plans on hold while assessing the very latest with this global pandemic. The J Class, which had planned on class racing down under in 2021, will no longer do so. Individual J yachts can choose to race with the superyacht fleet under the ORCs handicap rule.

New Zealand Millennium Cup (15-18 February) millenniumcup.com

RNZYS Mastercard Superyacht Regatta (24-26 February) rnzys-superyacht-regatta/