



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

Requirement to Race:

NOTICE OF RACE

16. SAFETY

16.1 The Organizer takes a proactive stance on enforcing safety and sportsmanship. Safe racing is the responsibility of everyone involved in Superyacht regattas. The Superyacht Safety Protocol within the Sailing Instructions stress the concept that the priority is on safety and prudent seamanship, not competitive advantage.

16.2 The yachts' Racing Tacticians and Safety Officers are expected to meet immediately following the racing to discuss and resolve any minor issues pertaining to competitive advantage, safety or sportsmanship.

Background:

The critical role of the Safety Officer in superyacht racing cannot be understated. The Safety Officer is an integral member of the "afterguard" who must work closely with the helmsman, racing tactician and navigator with a primary focus on collision avoidance, safe racing and adherence to the racing rules and communicating with other vessels on the dedicated VHF safety channel and/or cell phone while racing.

In an effort to ensure that all Safety Officers have appropriate large yacht racing experience and detailed knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing it is required that all entries submit a resume or statement detailing their Safety Officer's credentials. We ask that you use **the attached 'Safety Officer Information Form'** (page 2 of this document) which can include a sailing resume or statement listing experience and credentials for their designated Safety Officer. If individual was a Safety Officer in a Super Yacht regatta in the previous two years please specify regatta and vessel.

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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 and the specific role of the Safety Officer. 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:

Here are some of the fundamental credentials and qualifications that a Safety Officer must possess:

- Experience racing large sailing yachts;
- Fully conversant with the Racing Rules of Sailing and the new Appendix SY;
- Aware of the manoeuvring characteristics and limitations of the yacht and those racing against;
- A thorough understanding of racing tactics;
- A thorough understanding of the regatta's documents including the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Amendments and Exhibits;
- Conversant in English and experienced with VHF radio protocol.

Responsibilities:

The Safety Officer position is not to be assumed by the yacht's helmsman, navigator, racing tactician or crew boss. The Safety Officer's role is interacting closely with the afterguard and communicating with the other competitors on the dedicated VHF channel with a primary focus on collision avoidance and safe manoeuvring. The Boat Captain may be the Safety Officer, providing he/she can remain focused on the responsibilities for the duration of the race and also possesses a thorough understanding of the RRS.



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SAFETY OFFICER INFORMATION FORM ON PAGE 3

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

YACHT NAME: _____

SAFETY OFFICER NAME: _____

MOBILE PHONE ON SITE: _____

E-MAIL: . _____

RACING EXPERIENCE /UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF THE RRS
(please include major regattas and your crew position on the boat):

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



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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 to: secretariat@yccs.it

Name and Surname:

Date:

Signed:
