



Porto Cervo, 31 May - 4 June 2022

# Notice of Race – Annex D 90'-99' FEET DIVISION – OVERVIEW AND RULES

# **Background**

To be as inclusive as possible without negatively impacting participating superyachts, the organizer is pleased to offer a 90'-99' Division for performance oriented sloops that meet the dual eligibility criteria, length and handicap. These criteria will help avoid divisions with excessively wide rating bands and yachts with disparate sailing characteristics from competing against one another. Given some of the inherent tactical and boat handling advantages of smaller, more nimble yachts, it will also eliminate the competitive disadvantage to large cruising superyachts when they race in the same division. And by establishing a reasonable rating band, the race managers will be able to minimize, mixing with the superyacht fleet, which will have the staggered start racing format.

#### Racing

- There are four coastal races scheduled;
- Safe racing has been and will continue to be a top priority of the organizers. The RRS Appendix SY will be invoked if yachts in the 90'-99' division meet yachts in the superyacht fleet;
- Fleet starts will be scheduled prior to the superyachts' staggered starts. Divisions may sail different courses;
- Series trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in division.

## Eligibility Criteria & Division Specific Rules

- Sloop rigs only;
- There will be LOA and rating band ranges, which will be refined going forward:
  - Preliminary LOA range 27,43m 30,18m (approximately 90′–99′ feet)
  - Preliminary rating band: ORCsy 335-460 (moderate);
- A valid ORCsy rating certificate is required;
- The conventional Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- Minimum of 4 entries required.

Note: The rating band is based on 2021 ORC SY VPP and may be updated when the 2022 ORC SY VPP becomes available"

## Handicapping Policy and Procedures

- The rating rule is the ORCsy: <u>orc.org/isuperyacht</u>. This transparent superyacht rating rule has been used at all superyacht regattas since 2015 with great success;
- 90'-99' Division entries must submit their rating application in accordance with the NoR guidelines;
- The ORCsy scoring option will be Time-on-Distance with the wind range declared prior to the first yacht in division finishing.

For additional information on the "90'-99' Division" please contact:

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