

Exhibit 6 RRS-Safety Afterguard Member Requirement

Requirement to race:

The Superyacht Cup Palma requirement for a designated “RRS-Safety Afterguard Member” can be found in the Notice of Race, Part 2, Section 2.

BACKGROUND:

It has become apparent in recent superyacht regattas that some designated “safety officers” did not have the required qualifications or experience for that crew position; specifically a thorough understanding of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Additionally, it was discovered in some instances no member of the afterguard had an adequate level of experience and expertise with the RRS, leading to unexpected encounters and undesired outcomes on the racecourse.

The SYRA and superyacht regatta organizers have taken two important steps:

First, the individual monitoring the VHF safety channel will be designated the “communications officer” as opposed to the “safety officer.” The previous terminology “safety officer” was misleading because the captain is the individual who has ultimate responsibility for the safe operation of the yacht. It is now **required** that each yacht have a communications officer. It is **recommended** that the communications officer, in addition to having experience with radio protocol, also have experience with and an understanding of the RRS.

Second, it is **required** that the captain ensure that at least one member of the afterguard is active with RRS and has a thorough understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY. The captain will determine what crew position that individual assumes (tactician, helmsman, navigator, communications officer, etc.). As such, each yacht must submit the name of their designated “RRS-Safety Afterguard Member” and communications officer, using the appropriate form (page 2 of this document). In addition to answering the questions in Exhibit 6, the designated “RRS-Safety Afterguard Member” is encouraged to include a sailing resume or list of relevant credentials and experience. The organizing authority will review all forms (due no later than June 1, 2018) and communicate any concerns or issues to the captain prior to June 14th.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS:

The fundamental credentials and qualifications that the designated RRS-Safety Afterguard Members are required and recommended to possess:

Required:

- Currently active and fully conversant with *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (routinely racing as an afterguard member in either large yachts or smaller boats);
- A thorough understanding of racing tactics, preferably active in the role of tactician;
- A thorough understanding of the RRS Appendix SY;
- Experience with VHF radio protocol and an understanding of the important role that active, professional dialogue on the designated VHF safety channel plays in superyacht racing;
- A thorough understanding of the regatta’s documents (*rules*) including; the notice of race, sailing instructions, amendments and exhibits;
- Conversant in English.

Strongly Recommended:

- Experience racing large yachts as a member of the afterguard (helmsman, racing tactician, navigator);
- Experience with the RRS Appendix SY as a superyacht afterguard member;
- Experience with, and knowledge of, the manoeuvring characteristics and limitations of the superyacht he/she is racing aboard, as well as those of competitors.

(RRS-Safety Afterguard Member Compliance Form on next page)

**RRS-Safety Afterguard Member and Communications Officer
COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION FORM
The Superyacht Cup Palma 2018 (submit no later than 1 June, 2018)**

Please answer all questions below and use a second page if necessary to provide additional relevant information. Attaching a sailing resume is encouraged. This form will be reviewed by the organizing authority (OA) and retained by the OA and the Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA).

Yacht Name: _____ Captain: _____

Name of designated RRS-safety afterguard member: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Position: Tactician Navigator Helmsman Communications Officer Other _____

Permanent crewmember Part time racing crewmember

Fully conversant in English: Yes No

Possess a thorough understanding of the RRS: Yes No

Currently active with the RRS as an afterguard member: Yes No

Recent racing experience **in other than superyachts as an afterguard member** (past 3 years). Include regatta names, years, boats, and crew positions:

Have read and understand the RRS Appendix SY: Yes No

Recent **superyacht racing as an afterguard member**, using Appendix SY. Include regatta names, years, yachts and your crew positions (recommended, not required, if you have afterguard racing experience in other than superyachts):

Racing experience on this particular yacht: Yes No (include regatta names, years, and crew positions):

List any additional relevant credentials, classifications or qualifications (e.g. international or national judge, marine industry professional, etc.):

If the designated RRS-safety afterguard member is not going to be the yacht's communications officer, please provide name, email address and mobile phone number of the communications officer:

Name of Designated "communications officer:" _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

*Please include any relevant documents, such as your sailing resume and return this form by e-mail to:
katebranagh@gmail.com*