

Newport Bucket 2012
SAFETY OFFICER REQUIREMENT
Announcement of Regatta / Part 2 Section 3.2

Requirement to Race:**ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGATTA****3 SAFE RACING**

3.2 Each yacht shall designate a Safety Officer and submit a Safety Officer Information Form in advance (Exhibit 1), posted with the details of the requirement [on the event website](#) and distributed to all captains via email). Safety Officers who were approved at the 2012 St Barths Bucket only need to fill in the top part of the form and then under Racing Experience note you were a Safety Officer for the 2012 St Barths Bucket and what yacht you were on. All names, local mobile telephone numbers and email addresses must be confirmed at registration. The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose sole responsibility will be the safe maneuvering of the yacht, communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel while racing, and collision avoidance. The Safety Officer shall have no other responsibility above and beyond these safety related matters.

Background:

The critical role of the Safety Officer in superyacht racing cannot be underestimated. The Safety Officer is responsible for the safe maneuvering of the yacht and communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel while racing. 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 safe racing, adherence to the racing rules, and collision avoidance.

It became readily apparent during a number of 2011 superyacht regattas that some Safety Officers did not have the qualifications and experience required to assume this important crew position. Hence the 2012 St Barths and Newport Bucket requirement for all entries to submit a resume or statement detailing the 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.

The Superyacht Racing Association (SYRA) has a Racing Safety Manual [posted on their website](#) that provides some relevant details on the responsibilities of a superyacht afterguard and the specific role of a Safety Officer. Bucket entrants are encouraged to review this important document, which details the preparation required prior to racing.

Qualifications and Credentials Required:

Some of the fundamental credentials and qualifications that a Safety Officer must possess follow:

- Experience racing large sailing yachts;
- Fully conversant with the Racing Rules of Sailing;
- 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 racing documents including the Announcement of Regatta, Sailing Instructions and any 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 safe maneuvering and collision avoidance.

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SAFETY OFFICER INFORMATION FORM

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

YACHT NAME: _____

SAFETY OFFICER NAME: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FULLY CONVERSANT IN ENGLISH: YES ____ / NO ____

EXPERIENCED WITH VHF RADIO PROTOCOL: YES ____ / NO ____

RACING EXPERIENCE (please include major regattas and your crew position on the boat):

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

EXPERIENCE ON NEWPORT BUCKET YACHTS

(Include crew position if permanent crew and/or racing crew position):

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS / CREDENTIALS / CLASSIFICATIONS

(e.g. International Judge, Marine Industry Professional, etc.):

Please include any relevant documents such as a sailing resume and return this form by email, fax or mail to:
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