



**2013 ST BARTHS BUCKET
SAFETY OFFICER REQUIREMENT**
Notice of Race / Part 2 Section 3.2

Requirement to Race:

NOTICE OF RACE

3 SAFE RACING

3.2 Each yacht shall designate a Safety Officer and submit the Safety Officer Information Form in advance (Exhibit 1). Details of the Safety Officer requirement are posted [on the event website](#) and will be distributed to all captains via email. Name, local mobile telephone numbers and email addresses must be confirmed at registration. The Safety Officer shall be a member of the afterguard whose primary responsibility will be collision avoidance, the safe maneuvering of the yacht and communicating on the dedicated VHF safety channel while racing. The Safety Officer should have no other responsibilities.

Background:

The critical role of the Safety Officer in superyacht racing cannot be understated. 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 collision avoidance, safe racing and adherence to the racing rules.

It became readily apparent during a number of 2011 and 2012 superyacht regattas that some Safety Officers did not have the qualifications or experience (particularly a thorough understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing) required to assume this important crew position, hence the 2012 and 2013 St Barths and Newport Bucket requirements for all entries to 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 you were a Safety Officer in the 2012 St Barths or Newport Bucket, you only need to note that on the St Barths Bucket Information Form.

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. Bucket 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 maneuvering. 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.

**2013 ST BARTHS BUCKET
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 IN ST. BARTHS: _____

FULLY CONVERSANT IN ENGLISH: YES ___ / NO ___

EXPERIENCED WITH VHF RADIO PROTOCOL: YES ___ / NO ___

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):

EXPERIENCE ON ST BARTH'S BUCKET YACHT
(include crew position if permanent crew and/or racing crew position):

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, fax or mail to:

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