**IMA Guest Rules for Lora Piana Giraglia**

With more boats now racing with the Reduced Crew Rating allowance there have been questions relating to the rules concerning guests. (IMA Rule C.2.6)

*C.2.6 Guests:*

 *(a) IMA events in their NOR or SI may add bona fide guests to the Rating Rule crew limit and set specific conditions for this, but only if this is approved in writing by the IMA. Guests are not allowed to participate in the sailing, including giving advice or coaching.*

*(b) At all times, when racing, all crew members AND GUESTS shall be registered with the organizing authority*.

The 2024 Loro Piana Giraglia SI is using the IMA Guest Rule for the INSHORE series of races (but not the offshore).

The OA may set additional rules, refuse guests, or cancel the approval in case of abuse of the guest rules.

The reason for these controls is to avoid guests being used for crew weight optimisation to suit weather conditions. Therefore captains shall fill out and submit the Guest Declaration Form to the IMA for approval, ideally at the time of registration, or at the latest by 09.00 each day of the regatta. (**New option daily form attached**)

These should be emailed by 09.00 each day to Monica Recchia at: info@internationalmaxiassociation.com

***FAQ***

*Q1) Is the Guest part of the crew?
A) No, the Guest shall not participate in the sailing during racing in any way or form, other than sitting on the rail, with legs in or out.

Q2) May IMA approved Guests cause the total persons on a boat to exceed its IRC maximum crew number limit even if using the Reduced Crew allowance
A) Yes*

*Q3) Is there a limit to the number of guests that can be declared per race?
A) The maximum number will be deemed to be 115% of the IRC maximum crew limit or Reduced Crew limit, rounded up.*

 *Q4) What is meant by bona fide Guests (IMA Rule C.2.6 Guests)?
A) Bona fide in this case shall be seen as family, or friends, or business relations of the owner who are categorised as 'Group 1' under WS categorisation code – e.g.shore crew are not seen as bona fide..*