



# RSYC / RMSIR SAFETY CHECK LIST

Based on

## WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Category 4 for Monohulls with modifications. Updated 28/9/23

BOAT NAME ..... YEAR .....  
RMSIR ENTRY REF. .... SAIL NO. ....  
PERSON IN CHARGE ..... PHONE .....  
SKIPPER ..... PHONE .....  
Maximum number of crew on board during this regatta including skipper: .....

**IMPORTANT: An inspection is carried out only as a guide. An inspector cannot limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner and the person in charge.**

### 1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone – RRS Fundamental Rule 3.

### **Declaration by Person In Charge:**

**“I hereby declare that I am the owner, skipper or person in charge and that I have read and understood and agree to comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and in particular 1.02.1, 1.02.2, and 1.02.3 (Responsibility of Person in Charge)”. I further declare that the information that I have given in the safety checklist form is true and accurate. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, etc, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately.”**

(Signature)

Name :

Date :

**Safety Checklist continued overleaf – this must be completed for all boats.**

**This form can be scanned and sent to [safety@rmsir.com](mailto:safety@rmsir.com) prior to arrival at RSYC**

2.02 A yacht may be inspected at any time. If she does not comply with these Special Regulations her entry may be rejected, or she will liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the national authority or the race organizers.

Note: Skipper/Person in Charge (S/PIC); Inspector (Ins) - Please check the box where applicable

		S/PIC	Ins
<b>Lay out on Chart Table or other Surface</b>			
4.11.2	Navigational Charts, Light list and chart plotting equipment. If electronic only an independent alternative shall be onboard.		
<b>Lay out on Bunk(s)</b>			
3.29.05	1 watertight handheld VHF radio transceiver, can be stowed in grab bag		
3.29.6	A VHF radio transceiver rated 24 Watts or greater, pref. with DSC function		
Additional Requirement	2 independent GPS Navigation Devices		
Advisory	An AIS Transponder is recommended (if fitted must remain on throughout regatta)		
4.8.1	First Aid Kit and First Aid Manual		
4.9.1	Foghorn		
4.16.1	Tools, spare parts, method to disconnect/sever standing rigging		
4.23.1	Electronic flares and 2 orange smoke flares		
Advisory	Two red parachute flares and four red hand flares		
5.1.1	Lifjacket with light, whistles etc, 1 for each crew, marked with boat name		
5.1.1 a)i)	Each lifjacket has crotch or thigh straps		
5.1.4	Each lifjacket inspected by person in charge, within last 12 months		
Advisory	Safety harness and lines for each crew member		
<b>Below Deck Inspection</b>			
3.6.1	At least 2 exits, preferably 1 forward of the foremost mast or bulkhead free cabin to allow unimpeded egress		
3.8.2	Portlights that open inward labelled "NOT TO BE OPENED AT SEA"		
3.10.1	Sea cocks or valves on through-hull openings below waterline		

			S/PIC	Ins
3.12.1	Heel of keel-stepped mast is secured to structure			
3.18.2	Toilet or fitted bucket, permanently installed			
3.22.1	Handholds below deck			
3.27.4	Spare bulbs for navigation lights (not required for LED)			
4.3.1	Tapered soft wood / rubber stoppers / bung / plug at each through-hull fitting made to plug should fitting fail.			
4.5.1	A fire blanket adjacent to every cooking device with an open flame			
4.5.2	2 fire extinguishers, in different parts of the boat			
4.12.1	Safety equipment location chart / list (for those unfamiliar with boat)			
<b>At Helm, Ready for Rapid Deployment</b>				
4.22.3	Lifebuoy with self-igniting light and drogue			
4.22.7	Heaving line min.6mm, 15-25m			
<b>On Deck, Where Stowed or Ready for Deployment</b>				
* 2023 Additional Requirement	Anchor of adequate size, weight and design, complete with sufficient chain & rode to hold the boat at anchor securely at the intermediate stopover anchorages during the regatta.			
	Hatch blocking devices attached and can be secured in place			
4.25.1	A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained			
<b>Rigged/Fitted to Demonstrate Use</b>				
	Navigation lights, above sheerline and not obscured when sailing			
4.10.1	Radar reflector/ target enhancer			
4.26.2c	Either reefing to reduce the mainsail luff by 12% or a heavy weather jib			
Notes on storm sails/rig available				

General		S/PIC	Ins
2.4.1	All equipment is readily available, adequately sized and functions		
2.4.2	Heavy items are permanently installed or securely fastened		
3.1.1	The boat is strongly built, seaworthy and watertight.		
3.8.1	Forward hatches open outward only		
3.8.3	Hatches are attached, above water at 90° heel & operable if capsized		
3.8.5 a)	Companionway sill is above local sheerline, or acceptable alternative		
3.9.1	Cockpit is strong, watertight and meets OSR size and drainage		
3.14.1	Double lifelines & pulpits surround entire deck, 600mm high		
3.23.1 a)	2 strong buckets, each with lanyard and 9 litre min capacity		
3.23.2	Permanently installed manual bilge pump operable with all hatches shut		
3.23.3	Bilge pump neither connects to cockpit drains nor discharges into cockpit		
3.24 a)	2nd compass, may be hand-held and/or electronic		
4.17.1	Boat's name on buoyant equipment		
4.18	Marine grade retro-reflective material on buoyant equipment		
6.4	Date of last Man Overboard Drill with current crew _____ / _____ / _____		
6.5	How many of this crew are first aid trained ? _____		

Comments by Inspector:

Signed

Date & Time: