

# SCARBOROUGH YACHT CLUB

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST FOR BAY RACES 2025

Name of Yacht ..... Sail No.....

I have checked the yacht named above and certify that she complies with the following requirements.

(Signed) .....

Print name .....

Under SYC Sailing Instructions para 18.1.4, one copy of this Checklist shall be completed by the owner and returned to the SYC Sailing Committee before a yacht may start in her first SYC race of the season. **A SECOND COPY MUST BE KEPT ON BOARD** for the owner's, crew's or an inspector's use.

**This list is to assist the owner to check the yacht and her equipment for compliance with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR). It is not exhaustive and reference should be made to the complete OSR, published on the World Sailing Website: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). The owner, the person in charge his representative or yacht skipper shall make all crew aware of this checklist and explain its contents prior to the start of each SYC race.**

Items have been arranged in two sections: 'Above Deck' and 'Below Deck'.

Numbers refer to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

The following extracts from OSR are particularly important:-

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON IN CHARGE:**

- 1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.
- 1.02.2 Neither the establishment of the OSR, nor their use by Organizing Authorities, nor the inspection of a boat under the OSR in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person in Charge.
- 2.03 INSPECTION. 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 be liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the national authority or the race organisers under SYC Sailing Instruction para 20.
  - 2.03.1 All equipment required by Special Regulations shall:- function properly, be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced, when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised, be readily accessible, be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the yacht.
- 2.04 General Requirements
  - 2.04.1 All equipment required by OSR shall: a) function properly. b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced. c) if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing. d) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised. e) be readily accessible. f) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.
  - 2.04.2 Heavy items shall be permanently installed or securely fastened

## Part 1: ABOVE DECK

- 3.08 Hatches and Companionways:  
Can the companion hatch be locked and unlocked from both below and above deck? YES   
Are washboards prevented from being lost overboard YES
- 3.14 Lifelines:  
Are the lifelines multi-strand steel wire? YES   
Are they taut and strong enough? (Max 50mm/2" deflection) YES   
Are they continuous around the stern? YES
- 3.27 Navigation lights: YES
- 4.15 Emergency steering:  
Do you carry a spare tiller? YES  NO   
Have you devised and tested at sea a method of steering without a rudder? YES
- 4.16 Standing Rigging:  
Do you carry a hacksaw or bolt cropper which will sever the rigging? YES
- 4.22 Crew Overboard Identification and Recovery:  
Do lifebuoys carry the yacht's name? YES   
Are they equipped with a drogue and reflective patches? YES  NO   
Is at least one within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use? YES   
Is a heaving line, no less than 6 mm, 15-25m long, readily accessible to cockpit YES
- 4.25 Do you carry a strong cockpit knife, sheathed and securely restrained, readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit YES

## Part 2: BELOW DECK

- 4.03 Plugs:  
Do you carry enough soft wood plugs? YES
- 4.05 Fire extinguisher YES   
Is it in a serviceable condition? YES
- 4.06.2 1 un-modified anchor with suitable combination of chain and rope, ready for deployment within 5 minutes. YES
- 3.23 Bilge Pumps:  
Is the handle secured? YES   
Is any outlet connected to the cockpit drains? YES  NO
- 2.03.2 Secure fastening:  
Ballast and heavy equipment, the biggest source of serious adverse inspection reports, are the following items securely stowed where they fulfil the requirements of Special Regulations and fastened against capsize?
- |                  |  |                   |  |           |  |
|------------------|--|-------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Internal ballast | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> | Anchors and chain | YES <input type="checkbox"/>                             | Batteries | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gas bottles      | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> | Stoves            | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> | Tanks     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tools            | YES <input type="checkbox"/>                             | Liferaft          | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> | Engines   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
- Sections 3, 4 & 5, Marine Radio, yacht and personal equipment:  
Do you carry the following?
- Torch with spare bulbs and batteries YES   
A first aid kit and manual YES   
A foghorn YES   
A radar reflector YES   
A VHF radio YES   
An approved lifejacket for each crew member to current specification (5.01) YES
- SOLAS flares as detailed in ISAF Cat 4 - 4.23  
2 Orange Smoke (Handheld or Floating) YES