

SCARBOROUGH YACHT CLUB

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST FOR COASTAL RACES 2025

Based on World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.

Name of Yacht Sail No.....

I have checked the yacht named above and certify that she is built and equipped to at least ISAF/ ORC Category 4

(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. 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 three sections: 'Above Deck' and 'Below Deck', 'Storm and Heavy Weather Sails'.

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
Does the opening extend below main deck level? YES NO
Can it be blocked off? YES
- 3.09 Cockpits:
Do cockpit lockers drain into the bilge? YES NO
Does any porthole or scuttle give access below from the cockpit? YES NO
Can they be secured? YES NO NA
Will the fastenings stay firmly shut in bad weather? YES NO NA
- 3.09 Cockpit drains:
Are the drains clear and effective? 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
- 3.17 Toe rail:
Do you have a toe rail around the foredeck complying with the regulations? YES
- 3.27 Navigation lights:
Do you have Spare bulbs YES
- 4.15 Emergency steering:
Do you carry a spare tiller? (not Cat 4) 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, a self igniting light and reflective patches? YES
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
Do you carry a lifesling? (not Cat 4) YES NO
- 4.25 Do you carry a strong cockpit knife, sheathed and securely restrained, readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit? YES
- 3.02 Watertight integrity:
Is a danbuoy housing fitted through the transom? YES NO
Is it watertight throughout? YES NO NA
Are there any places where the rigging enters the hull? YES NO
Are they all sufficiently watertight to withstand a water hose? YES NO NA
- 4.04 Jackstays:
(a) Are jackstays fitted? YES NO
(d) Strong anchorage points at stations near helm, winches mast, etc., where crew members work for long periods. YES NO

Part 2: BELOW DECK

- 4.03 Plugs:
Do you carry enough soft wood plugs? YES
- 3.12 Keel-stepped masts:
Is the mast secured to the step or adjoining structure? YES NO NA
- 4.05 Fire extinguishers:
Do you have at least two fire extinguishers? YES
Are they 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
- 2.04.2 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 NA Anchors and chain YES Batteries YES NA
Gas bottles YES NA Stoves YES NA Tanks YES NA
Tools YES Liferaft YES NA Engines YES NA
- Sections 3, 4 & 5, Marine Radio, yacht and personal equipment:
Do you carry the following?
Class B. AIS Transponder (recommendation for Cat 3 only) YES NO
Two torches with spare bulbs and batteries YES
A first aid kit and manual YES
A foghorn YES
A radar reflector YES
A shut off valve between the fuel tank and engine YES NO
A VHF radio including a hand held VHF radio watertight or with waterproof cover YES
An approved lifejacket for each crew member to current specification (5.01) YES
A harness suitable for each crew member (5.02) YES
- SOLAS flares as detailed in 4.23
2 Orange Smoke (Floating) YES
4 Red Handheld or appropriate EVDS (Electronic Visual Distress Signal) capable of distress signal for overnight races only (ISAF Cat 3) YES

Part 3: STORM AND HEAVY WEATHER SAILS

- 4.26 Do you have either mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by 12.5% or a heavy-weather jib (or heavy-weather sail in a boat with no forestay) PLEASE INDICATE WHICH YES
- 4.26 Do you carry a storm or heavy weather jib? YES NO
Can this be attached to the forestay other than by the luff groove? YES NO