



# 2020 New England SOLO/TWIN Championships

## REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Return this completed form to the Event Organizers

The following items are required equipment based on ORC Regulations for Category 3 offshore events, and must be carried during the New England SOLO/TWIN. Items on this sheet should be assembled and stowed in their proper place on board your vessel.

Entrants should be prepared to show any and all required equipment to race committee officials, and demonstrate procedures for proper use should a random spot safety check of any vessel be mandated by the Race Organizers — either prior to or at any point after the race. The Event Organizers will not take it on faith that any incomplete or unchecked items will be aboard prior to the start; the entrants' signatures attest to compliance to entry requirements at the time this form is signed, dated, and relinquished to the Event Organizers.

Check off each item on the following list and sign the bottom. Signatures for BOTH double-handed entrants are required; as co-skippers, both crew members are responsible for knowing what equipment is on board and its proper use. **This form, completed and signed, must be submitted to the Event Organizers by no later than 2000 hours on Thursday, the day before the start. Failure to do so will disqualify entrants from starting.**

Each SOLO yacht must have a system for self-steering. Self-steering devices will be allowed on TWIN yachts.

Each yacht must carry a VHF marine radiotelephone. Channels 16 and 72 required for race communication must be operational.

Carrying a self-inflating liferaft is strongly recommended but not required. Each crewmember is required to have on board a Type-One USCG-approved life jacket - fitted with reflective tape, attached personal overboard light and whistle. (NOTE: Survival gear for the life raft should include an "abandon ship kit" with water, food, knife, flares, flashlights, extra batteries, first-aid kit, etc.).

Each yacht must have jack wires, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the crew can move from the yacht's stern to forestay without disconnecting a safety harness.

A safety harness must be worn and attached to the yacht from the yacht's class warning signal before the start, until it finishes, except when crew members are below decks.

Visual distress signals must include two orange smoke signals and six red meteor or parachute flares. Three white flares or a powerful flashlight or spotlight independent of the yacht's electrical system must also be carried.

The yacht must have a system for re-boarding, such as looped lines or a ladder, in place at all times.

A radar reflector must be in place at least six feet above decks at all times.

Proper sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail, spinnakers, and all headsails larger than a working jib. In the event of duplicate sail numbers, the later entry will be required to change.

Man-overboard pole and flag with horseshoe life ring (mandatory for TWIN). A certified Man Overboard Module (MOM) or Dan Buoy with inspection expiration date not prior to June 30 of the year of the race is an acceptable alternative. Not required for SOLO yachts.

Yachts must fly International Code Pennant from the backstay (or similar position) to indicate which class that they are participants in; 1-3 twin spin, 4 cruising non-spin, 5 solo spin, 6 multihulls

Each yacht shall carry suitable anchor(s) and cable(s) and adequate rode.

Each yacht shall carry softwood plugs of suitable size for emergency closure of through-hull fittings.

There shall be companionway blocking arrangements (washboards, hatchboards, etc.) capable of being secured in position with the hatch open or shut and secured to the yacht to prevent their being lost overboard.

Each yacht shall have an effective method of reefing the mainsail and a headsail suitable for use in heavy weather.

Each yacht should have aboard suitable charts, navigational equipment, compass, and a copy of all sailing instructions.

Each yacht is required to have working navigational lights.

Each yacht shall carry two (2) waterproof flashlights.

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned hereby acknowledge and verify that the aforementioned safety equipment is on board the vessel named below, and that said equipment is indeed on board, in position and operational, as of the date shown below.

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Co-Entrant's Signature

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Co-Entrant's Signature

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Yacht's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Co-Entrant's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Co-Entrant's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Date of Compliance