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Boat Equipment Self-Declaration Form for Skippers 2023

Competing yachts may be scrutinised prior to the start or during the race. All boats must be capable of carrying their crew safely round this challenging course even in bad weather and so must carry, as a minimum, the following items in working order and all within the relevant manufacturers recommended expiry dates. The **Boat Equipment – Self Declaration Form** must be completed and signed prior to registration.

Item	Description	✓	Date of Expiry
1	An engine capable of driving the boat to windward in a gale with fuel for at least six hours motoring and a tool kit (with spare plugs for two strokes).		
2	A marine VHF set along with a waterproof printed instructions card detailing how to make a MayDay call. The card should be clearly visible beside the VHF radio.		
3	An inflatable life-raft sufficient to accommodate every person on board, carried on deck or in a locker opening directly to the deck, and must be within the manufacturers/service suppliers expiry date .		
4	Two lifebuoys marked with the boat name, one with self-igniting light and the other secured to 30m of buoyant line, both easily accessible to the helmsman.		
5	A life-jacket with fitted crotch straps attached self-igniting light and appropriate safety harness for every person on board. (Buoyancy aids are not acceptable). Life jacket activation system (if fitted) and self igniting lights must be within any recommended expiry date . Boats should carry adequate spare actuators and cylinders. The earliest expiry date of the light or actuator is to be declared. This declaration confirms all others have longer expiry dates .		
6	Suitably rigged taut lifelines on deck allowing all crew members to be clipped on along the deck.		
7	Two stout buckets with lanyards attached.		
8	Two fire extinguishers of at least 0.7kg of dry powder, CO2 or foam types – in date and/or showing full charge. One must be within easy reach of the cockpit.		
9	Two anchors of appropriate size with suitable chain or warp attached.		
10	One manually operated bilge pump operable from the deck.		



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11	A minimum of a SOLAS Coastal Flare Pack consisting of 2 off red hand-held flares, 2 off orange smokes, 2 off red parachute rocket flares, packaged in a waterproof container that floats, is portable and easy to stow.		
12	Adequate independent digitally based and/or paper charts for the race area along with instruments and log book.		
13	A first aid kit including seasickness remedies and rehydration powder. All contents should be within manufacturers recommended expiry date .		
14	A waterproof torch.		
15	High powered flashlight and appropriate spares.		
16	Foghorn.		
17	Rig cutters appropriate to the size and scale of rig.		
18	A radar reflector that is appropriate for your vessel.		
19	A steering compass and a hand bearing compass.		
20	Lead and line or echo sounder.		
21	The name of the boat (not the team name) for the race must be prominently displayed.		
22	Adequate food and drink for the whole crew for the duration of the race.		
23	Dinghy or other suitable tender, and repair kit. This small craft must be sea-worthy and capable of safely carrying the maximum amount of persons that will be transferred at any one point during the race. Skipper has the sole responsibility for the deployment and the use of such craft taking into account the weather and sea conditions and that of his crew.		

If for any physical reason, e.g. design of boat, an exception to the above list is to be requested, the request must be submitted in writing (or email) at least one week prior to the race for adjudication. The Race Office's decision is final.

I confirm that the above Equipment List has been personally checked by myself, is in good working order, meets stated requirements and is within appropriate expiry dates.

Skippers signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / 2023

