



2026 Offshore 160 Singlehanded Challenge

Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 12

Sponsored by the Newport Yacht Club
Newport, Rhode Island

ADDENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

The following items are required equipment based on ORC Regulations for Category 3 offshore events, and must be carried during the OFFSHORE 160. Items listed here should be assembled and/or 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/or demonstrate procedures for proper use should a random spot safety check of any vessel(s) be mandated by the Race Committee - either prior to or after the race.

Please do not ask the Race Committee or Event Organizers to take it on faith that any incomplete or unchecked items will be aboard prior to the start. It is your responsibility to provide documentation that all required items are on board the vessel. Your signature attests to compliance at the time the list is signed, dated, and turned over to the Race Organizers.

The completed and signed checklist must be submitted to the Event Organizers by no later than 0800 hours on Friday of the start. Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting is mandatory for all participants and will be held at the Newport Yacht Club.

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 1)___ Each yacht must have a system for self-steering.
- 2)___ Each yacht must carry a VHF marine radiotelephone. Channels 16 and 72 - required for race communication - must be operational.
- 3)___ Carrying a self-inflating life raft is strongly recommended but not required. (NOTE: The survival gear for the life raft should include an "abandon ship kit" with water, food, knife, flares, etc.)
- 4)___ Each yacht must have jack wires or lines, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the skipper can move from the stern to the forestay without disconnecting a safety harness. It is strongly recommended that a safety harness and inflatable lifejacket be worn and attached to the yacht at specified times (see the Sailing Instructions 18.2), except when crew members are below decks. A harness shall be fitted with a crotch strap or thigh straps.
- 5)___ Visual distress signals must include two orange smoke signals and three 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.
- 6)___ The yacht must have a system for re-boarding, such as looped lines or a ladder, in place at all times.
- 7)___ A radar reflector must be in place at least fifteen feet above the water at all times.

- 8)___ Proper sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail. This deletes Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix paragraph G 1.3 (c) Headsails and Spinnakers.
- 9)___ Yachts must fly International Code Flag class numeral (one, two, etc.) from the backstay (or similar position) to indicate the class they are participating in. Classes 1-3 are possible.
- 10)___ Each yacht shall carry suitable anchor(s) and cable(s) and adequate rode all ready for immediate use.
- 11)___ Each yacht shall carry soft-wood plugs of suitable size for emergency closure of through-hull fittings.
- 12)___ There shall be companionway blocking arrangements (washboards, hatch boards, etc.) capable of being secured in position with the hatch open or shut and secured to the yacht to prevent their being lost overboard. The blocking must prevent a full cockpit from flooding.
- 13)___ In lieu of a life raft, at least one Type One USCG approved life jacket fitted with reflective tape, an attached personal overboard light, and a whistle is required to be on board.
- 14)___ Each yacht shall have an effective method of reefing the mainsail and a headsail suitable for use in heavy weather.
- 15)___ Each yacht should have aboard suitable charts, navigational equipment, compass, and a copy of all sailing instructions.
- 16)___ Each yacht is required to have working navigational lights.
- 17)___ Each yacht shall carry two (2) waterproof flashlights.
- 18)___ Each yacht shall have a manual bilge pump.

Entrant's Signature

Entrant's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Yacht's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Date of Compliance