



Inspection Process

Owner / Owner's Representative Responsibilities

Call a local area inspector and schedule a courtesy safety inspection starting January 1, 2023. [List of Inspectors](#).

Please schedule as soon as possible. **Initial inspection must be completed no later than May 31, 2023**, and deficiencies, if any, must be resolved no later than two (2) days prior to the yacht's scheduled start.

Prepare your boat for inspection in compliance with the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Races (SER 1.01 – 2022.0 – see [Monohull](#) or [Multihull](#) document) and [Notice of Race](#) and any [Amendments](#).

Present your boat to the inspector on inspection day in fully compliant condition. Lay all safety equipment out on deck, in order of the SERs and NOR, for an efficient inspection.

Present to inspector the following documents:

- Safety at Sea – Copy of certificates or print from [US Sailing website](#).
- First Aid/CPR – Copy of certificates.

Emergency Steering – Set up your method of steering the boat should rudder become disabled and explain it to the inspector.

Man Overboard – Set up your method of hoisting a crewmember back on deck, or other consistent means of reboarding the crewmember and explain it to the inspector.

Sign the Certificate of Inspection once the inspection is complete. Inspectors will have the Certificate of Inspection and will fill it out at the conclusion of the inspection. Take a photo of the certificate for your records.

For any deficiencies or any items not in compliance at the time of inspection, complete the open items and document compliance to the satisfaction of the inspector for their sign off. It is the responsibility of the owner/owner's representative to follow up, not the inspector's.

Liferaft and MOM inspection in So Cal:

[Avalon Rafts](#) in San Pedro tends to run a backlog of at least a month. We recommend that you check the expiration dates on both Liferaft and MOM immediately, and get them in the queue if inspection is required. Also check the battery expiration date on your EPIRB, as only a certified inspector such as Avalon Rafts can replace it.