



Inspection Procedures

The skipper, as defined in NOR 4.3.1, is the person in charge and, in accordance with the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *Offshore Sailing Regulations* (OSR), has the responsibility for the safety of the yacht and her crew. OSR 1.02, Responsibility of Person in Charge, reads:

- 1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.
- 1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

The Organizing Authority is planning to conduct inspections prior to the start of the race to assist skippers in ensuring that their yacht meets all the safety requirements, but the responsibility for compliance remains with the skipper.

A safety inspection can be scheduled with the Organizing Authority as described below:

1. Familiarize yourself with the TR 2015 Inspection documents found on the website:

<http://www.transatlanticrace.org/2015-race/2015-race-documents>.

2. There are two ways to have your yacht inspected:

➤ **Before June 24**

Choose an inspector: A TR 2015 Inspector can be a tremendous help to your race preparation. Not only is every Inspector a veteran of ocean races, every inspector is a volunteer who has offered his time to assist entrants in complying with the race requirements. A complete list of Inspectors and their home states can be found on the Race Documents web page. If you would like assistance in choosing an Inspector or have a specialized yacht requiring specific attention, please email Bjorn Johnson at johnsonbjornr@gmail.com.

Arrange a date for the inspection: Once you are comfortable that your yacht is ready to be inspected, contact your choice of Inspector to arrange a mutually agreeable time and place for the inspection. Allow plenty of time to address any deficiencies noted in the inspection.

➤ **June 24 and after**

Inspectors are assigned: All yachts are required to be in Newport at least three (3) days before their start date [NOR 12.1] and Inspectors will be assigned in Newport for those who have not completed inspection. Register at the NYYC Sailing Office, providing your contact information. An Inspector or Inspection team will be assigned to your yacht and will use the contact information to arrange for the required inspection during that three (3) day period.

3. Who should be aboard for the inspection?

The Skipper, Navigator or a Watch Captain must be aboard to serve as the yacht representative.

4. Prepare your yacht

To prepare your yacht for the inspection, have a printed copy of the TR 2015 Inspection Checklist available. Prior to the inspection, lay out all gear subject to inspection and expose all areas of the boat to be inspected. Prior to the Inspector's arrival, the yacht representative should conduct an inspection, checking off each item on the Inspection Checklist for compliance.

