

Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit  
**CHECKLIST FOR OFF THE BEACH BOATS (OTB)**

This checklist, to be used in conjunction with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2021- 2024 (as updated). Owners or their representatives should work through this checklist and the regulations themselves, as necessary, to ensure full compliance. If your boat is compliant, please then register for the sailing season on the website under the Event **“Boat Safety Declarations and Insurance Details – WSC 2023/2024”**. **Note: This form will need to be uploaded as part of the registration process.**

1. Fundamentals and definitions		Compliant
1.02.1	The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.	
1.02.2	Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a boat under these regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner and the person in charge.	
1.02.3	The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a cruising event or race, or to continue racing is hers alone- RRS Fundamental Rule 4	
2. Application and General Requirements		Compliant
2.021	All equipment required by these Special Regulations shall function properly, be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced, stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised, be readily accessible and be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the use and size of the boat.	
3. Specific Regulations		Compliant
3.01.1	After a capsize, boats shall be sufficiently buoyant to support a mass of at least 25Kg for each crew member.	
3.01.2-4	Buoyancy may be achieved by boat structure, compartments in the hull/s or by additional buoyancy bags provided it is in accordance with the relevant clauses in 3.01.2, 3.01.3 and 3.01.4	
3.02.1	Hollow masts shall be either completely sealed to prevent the entry of water; or self-draining.	
3.02.2	Unstayed masts shall be securely attached to the hull	
3.03.1	Centreboard(s) shall be securely attached to the hull by lanyard, bolt, pin or other effective means so that they remain in the centreboard case when the boat is inverted.	
3.03.2	Unless the rudder box or stock is securely fastened to the hull, the rudder pin or pintle shall be fitted with a stainless-steel retaining pin such as to prevent the rudder/s becoming detached.	
3.03.3	Tillers which are not permanently fastened to the rudder stock/s shall be securely fastened to them whilst the boat is afloat.	
3.03.4	Rudder blades which are not permanently fastened to the rudder stock/s shall be securely fastened to them whilst the boat is afloat.	
3.04.1	Boats, unless they are capable of sailing or accepting a tow after capsize without prior bailing, shall carry one adequate bailer or pump available for immediate use.	
3.04.3	Pumps, if not permanently attached to the hull, and bailers shall be secured to the hull with a lanyard of length sufficient to permit the equipment to be operated without releasing the lanyard.	
3.05	All crews shall be aware of the location for attaching a towline to the boat and shall be able to demonstrate this.	
4. Identification		Compliant
4.01.1 - 2	Hull identification shall appear on the transom or on both sides of the hull or rear beam.	
4.01.3/4	Boat identification shall consist of the boat's name (50 x 8 mm), registered sail number (50 x 8 mm) and name of the club (20 x 4 mm).	
5. Lifejackets		Compliant
5.01.1 -2	All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, a lifejacket secured about their persons in a manner appropriate to the design of the device. Lifejackets shall comply with Australian standards as set out in 5.01.2.	
5.01.3	Inflatable lifejackets shall not be used.	
5.01.4	Lifejackets shall be maintained in good repair.	
5.01.5	Lifejackets shall be marked on the inside to identify their ownership (name and phone number recommended).	

Owner's Name:			
Boat name:			
Sail number:		Boat Class:	
Date:			