



NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE 2024

INSPECTION PROCEDURES MULTIHULLS

Inspection Procedures

1. Download and familiarize yourself with the Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements (NBRSR). This is found on the [Official Notice Board](#). Note that in 2024 there are different versions of the NBRSR applicable specifically to Monohulls and Multihulls.
2. Determine whether you are eligible to self-inspect: Per NOR §6.2(b), those boats entered in the 2024 Newport Bermuda Race **that completed the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race under the same ownership and command can elect to self-inspect.** However, a boat that self-inspected in 2022 is not eligible to self-inspect for the 2024 race.

An eligible boat that elects to self-inspect under this paragraph shall indicate so through the *Inspection Plan* checklist on the entry system by May 17, 2024, and shall complete the online Inspection Checklist prior to appearing for On-Site Registration in Newport. Boats eligible to self-inspect may jump directly to Item 4 on this list.

3. Choose an inspector and arrange a date: A Newport Bermuda Race inspector can be a tremendous help to your race preparation. Not only is every inspector a veteran of past Newport Bermuda races, but every inspector is a volunteer who has offered their time to assist entrants in complying with the race requirements. A complete list of inspectors can be found on the [Official Notice Board](#). If you would like assistance in choosing an inspector or have a specialized boat requiring specific attention, please email Chief Inspector James Phyfe at inspections@bermudarace.com.

Inspector: _____ Tel. No./Email: _____

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All boats must be inspected by 1700, June 7, 2024 (Inspection Deadline). NOR 3.7 establishes that the penalty for failing to meet any race deadline will be voluntary withdrawal without refund, except that an entry may be restored upon payment of a late fee equal in dollars and cents equal to three times the boat's LOA for each calendar day.

Inspection Date: _____ Time: _____

4. Complete the online *Inspection Plan* checklist on the entry portal: This preliminary checklist should be completed as soon as you have chosen an inspector and arranged a date. The deadline to complete this checklist is May 17, 2024.
5. Prepare for inspection: As soon as practical after spring launch, the Person In Charge (PIC) should download a copy of the applicable Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements (NBRSR) from the [Official Notice Board](#) and make sure each item on the list is compliant. Any questions about the inspection process should be directed to your chosen inspector or inspections@bermudarace.com.
6. Complete the online *Inspection Checklist* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist*: Prior to your in-person inspection appointment, the PIC should conduct a pre-inspection on board with as many of the crew as possible and document the results by completing the *Inspection Checklist (Mono- or Multihull)* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist* on the entry portal. If possible, it is a good idea to have another member of the crew act as the inspector for this pre-inspection. This will be the final opportunity for the crew to ensure the vessel is in inspection condition, and this step must be completed prior to the in-person inspection. Both Checklists must be completed and submitted – with evidence where required – prior to the in-person inspection, although the *Deferred Inspection Checklist* may include specific items that are not compliant at the time of the in-person inspection. The fully compliant *Deferred Inspection Checklist* must be submitted in the entry portal before the PIC arrives for Newport Registration.

For vessels eligible to self-inspect, all members of the Afterguard must be present for the self-inspection, including the Person in Charge, Reserve Person In Charge and all watch captains.

7. Prepare your boat for in-person inspection: After completing the online *Inspection Checklist* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist*, you are now ready for the in-person inspection. Be sure to print the completed checklists to bring with you to the inspection. Prior to the inspection, lay out all gear subject to inspection and expose all areas of the boat to be inspected. More guidance on preparing your vessel for the inspection can be found on the Inspection Preparation Card. If all gear is

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prepared as per the Inspection Preparation Card and the pre-inspection is completed satisfactorily, the inspection should proceed easily and fairly quickly.

8. Who should be aboard for the in-person inspection? The PIC, Reserve PIC or a watch captain must be aboard for the inspection to serve as the Vessel Representative. If the PIC, Reserve PIC or a watch captain absolutely cannot be available for the inspection, the PIC may designate an agent bearing their express authorization to represent the vessel at the inspection. The Vessel Representative must be a member of the racing crew who is familiar with the boat and the use and stowage of all gear subject to inspection.
9. What if all the required documentation and safety equipment is not available at the time of inspection? Boats are expected to be in racing condition when inspected, with all required safety gear aboard. If, however, certain specific pieces are not available at the time of the inspection (a rented life raft, for instance, or a crewmember's personal lifejacket and harness), such deficiencies will be noted on the online *Deferred Inspection Checklist*. The PIC will be expected to complete these requirements by uploading evidence of compliance with these Deferred Inspection items and submitting the completed *Deferred Inspection Checklist* as a condition of Newport Registration. All Boats may be subjected to re-inspection upon her arrival in Bermuda.
10. What to expect on inspection day: The inspector will come aboard prepared to review the completed *Inspection Checklist* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist* with you. He or she will walk through each item on the list and check it for compliance. If you have properly prepared the boat and laid out all gear beforehand, this should take no longer than 1-2 hours. Often, an inspection is a good time to discuss the use of safety gear and tactics for handling emergency situations. The inspector will want to understand what methods of emergency steering and man overboard recovery the crew has practiced. If the inspector is not satisfied with the methods discussed, he may require the crew to demonstrate them for him/her then or at a later date.
11. What to do if there are deficiencies after the in-person Inspection: Although the absence of specific documents and personal safety gear can be accounted for in the *Deferred Inspection Checklist*, failure to demonstrate conformity with all other aspects of the *Inspection Checklist* will require the inspector to return at a later date to verify compliance. In these cases, the Chief Inspector will be notified that the yacht is not eligible to participate in the race until he is satisfied that any deficiencies have been corrected. PICs wishing to address deficiencies may be re-inspected up until the Inspection Deadline, subject to the inspector's availability.

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However, because this creates a hardship both on the part of the inspector and the PIC, it is strongly recommended that any questions or potential deficiencies be addressed with the inspector prior to the inspection.

NOTE: BOATS MAY BE SUBJECT TO POST RACE INSPECTION AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE GROUNDS FOR RACE COMMITTEE PROTEST. THE INTERNATIONAL JURY MAY IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF NOR 6.2 INCLUDING TIME PENALTIES OR DISQUALIFICATION.

12. Note that because the *Inspection Checklist* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist* are completed and verified online, there is no need to carry inspection documentation aboard the vessel during the 2024 Newport Bermuda Race. However, per the NOR, boats shall retain a paper copy of proof of medical training until 48 hours after finishing. Boats may also be required to show paper copies of vessel registration to H.M. Customs Bermuda.



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INSPECTION PREPARATION CARD FOR MULTIHULLS

Yacht: _____ Captain: _____ No. in Crew: _____

Prior to the Inspection, the Captain should lay out the following items (NBR SR ref. No.):

Below Deck:

- Escape Hatches – opened from inside and out in last six months (2.1.1b-4)
- Head or bucket fitted below deck and fitted for this purpose only (2.3.1)
- Stove with fuel shut off (2.3.3)
- Installed water tank with delivery system (2.3.4); Number of Gallons: _____
- Life Jackets – one per crewmember (3.1.1); Number: _____
- Harnesses and Tethers – one per crewmember (3.1.4); Number: _____
- Fire Extinguishers (3.4)
- Fire Blanket (3.4.1)
- Horn (3.5)
- Flares (3.6)
- Handheld VHF Radio – watertight or with a waterproof cover (3.8.2)
- Emergency VHF Antenna (3.8.3)
- Personal AIS Beacons (3.10)
- Tapered Soft Plugs adjacent to each thru-hull opening (3.22)
- Searchlight (3.24.1)
- Flashlights – one per crewmember (3.24.2); Number: _____
- First Aid kit and manual (3.25)
- Tools and Spare Parts – incl. means to disconnect standing rigging (3.30)
- Emergency Drinking Water (3.37)

On Deck:

- Hatch Boards or Doors (2.1.2)
- Second Bilge Pump (2.5.2)

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- Nets (2.10, 2.10.1, 2.11)
- Jack Lines – rigged (3.2.1)
- Underside Jack Lines – rigged (3.2.3)
- Spare Navigation Lights (3.3.2)
- Lifesling or Equivalent Device (3.7.1)
- MOB Pole (3.7.2)
- Heaving Line (3.7.3)
- Electronic Means to Record Position of Man Overboard (3.15)
- EPIRB (3.16.1)
- Second Compass (3.19.2)
- Sail Numbers – to be displayed when no numbered sail is set (3.21)
- Ground Tackle – anchor meeting manufacturer's recommended size with suitable combination of chain and rode (3.23)
- Two Stout Buckets (3.27.1)
- Rigged Emergency Tiller (3.29.1)
- Knife – readily accessible from deck or cockpit (3.32)
- Second Knife – accessible from the underside of the foredeck trampoline (3.32)
- Mainsail Reefing Equipment (3.33.1)
- Storm Trysail – rigged with sheets; or mainsail reefing to reduce luff by 60% (3.33.2)
- Storm Jib – rigged with sheets (3.33.4)
- Mainsheet Release method (3.33.5)
- Preventer or Boom Restraining Device – rigged (3.36.1)
- Boom Support – rigged (3.36.2)
- Inflatable Life Raft (3.39)
- Grab Bag(s) (3.40)
- Equipment required for the method(s) chosen in practice of steering the yacht with the rudder disabled (4.1)

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On Navigation Station:

- Printed copies of the completed *Multihull Inspection Checklist* and *Deferred Inspection Checklist*
- Calculation of Minimum Speed Required for Mechanical Propulsion (2.7.1)
= [sq. root _____ LWL (ft)=] or [1.81 x sq. root _____ LWL (m) =] _____ kts
- Calculation of minimum amount of fuel aboard after finishing to operate engine for at least 20 hours at minimum speed required (2.7.1)
= [100 nm / avg. cruising speed in knots * avg fuel consumption in gal/hr =] _____ gal
- AIS with Masthead Mounted Antenna or 15" Antenna at least 3m above water line (3.9)
- Satellite Phone, external antenna and all other required equipment (3.11)
- Global Positioning System (3.14)
- Distance Measuring Instrument (if not permanently installed) (3.17)
- Depth Sounder (if not permanently installed) (3.18)
- Non-Electronic Charts (3.20)
- Radar Reflector showing "Equivalent Echoing Area" (3.26)
- Safety Gear and Through Hull Diagram (3.28)

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DEFERRED INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Yacht: _____

Captain: _____

The following items may not be compliant at the time of the pre-race inspection. Such items will be marked Not Compliant below until such time as they are in compliance with the Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements, at which time evidence shall be uploaded and the requirement marked Compliant. Per Notice of Race §6.2a., no boat shall appear for On-Site Registration in Newport until all items on the Deferred Inspection Checklist are marked Compliant with supporting evidence and the checklist is submitted. Should any of the following items be found not in compliance with these Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements and/or the Notice of Race during a post-race inspection, the Person in Charge understands that the yacht will be subject to protest and penalties up to and including disqualification.

NOTE: Before selecting Compliant below and submitting the Deferred Inspection Checklist, all items except 3.11 Satellite Phone must contain photographic evidence of compliance.

(Circle One)

NBRSR 3.1.1 Lifejackets..... Compliant / Not Compliant

NBRSR 3.1.4 Safety Harnesses..... Compliant / Not Compliant

NBRSR 3.10 Personal AIS Beacons..... Compliant / Not Compliant

NBRSR 3.11 Satellite Phone: Compliant / Not Compliant

NBRSR 3.39 Inflatable Life Raft..... Compliant / Not Compliant

NBRSR 4.1 Steering in an Emergency..... Compliant / Not Compliant

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Deadline:
Bermuda Check-In

ON BOARD TRAINING CERTIFICATE

2024 Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements 5.3 prescribes that the Captain and not less than 80% of the crew of each yacht shall, prior to the start of the race, participate in on-board training, including man overboard practice, use of AIS and AIS personal crew overboard beacons, sailing with the storm trysail, use of the life raft, lifejackets, safety harnesses, main boom preventer, communications equipment, pyrotechnics, EPIRB(s), fire prevention, firefighting and the procedures for abandoning ship, dismasting and rudder/steering loss or failure. All participating crew shall sign and date the On Board Training Certificate.

Yacht Name: _____ Sail No: _____ Captain: _____

The following members of the yacht's Newport Bermuda Race® crew have completed onboard drills for the topics listed:

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| ☐ Man Overboard | ☐ Recovering MOB from the water | ☐ Abandoning Ship |
| ☐ Dismasting | ☐ Sailing with the Storm Trysail | ☐ EPIRB |
| ☐ Life Rafts | ☐ Lifejackets and Harnesses | ☐ Fire Prevention/Fighting |
| ☐ Pyrotechnics | ☐ Rudder/Steering Loss or Failure | ☐ Preventer Rigging |
| ☐ Communications Equipment | ☐ AIS / Personal Crew Overboard Beacons | ☐ Satellite Phone Use |

Crew Name

Signature

Date

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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