

Newport–Bermuda Safety Inspection Process: Updates and Clarifications

To streamline the safety inspection process, we are introducing several updates to how information is collected and reviewed.

The full inspection process includes completion of **two checklists**: the *Inspection Checklist* and the *Deferred Inspection Checklist* and an **onboard inspection**

Because many requirements can now be verified through photos or videos, some items no longer need to be physically inspected during the in-person onboard check. These items can instead be documented through the checklists.

Items Verifiable Through Checklists

Inspection Checklist

- Cockpit drains and Cockpit volume calculations
- Keel and rudder inspection form
- Flares
- Emergency tiller

Deferred Inspection Checklist

- Lifejackets, safety harnesses/tethers, and personal AIS beacons
 - Life raft(s)
 - Evidence of practice steering without a rudder
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Preparing for the Onboard Inspection

To help you prepare, we have updated the **Inspection Preparation Card** (available on the Notice Board on the website). This revised guide now highlights *only the items that must be aboard at the time of the onboard inspection*. Please use it to lay out equipment for the inspector and to understand which items are **not** required to be physically present during inspection.

Important Reminder

All equipment required under the NBRSRs must be carried **during the race**, whether they were verified during the onboard inspection or via submitted photos. Items may be subject to inspection after the race