

Excerpt of SOS-TEX Bylaws:

Section 6.

All boats must comply with the U.S. Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels and have the following minimum equipment.

NOTE: ** indicates items that are not mandatory for races whose entire course is within Galveston Bay.

- a. Lifelines or safety lines leading from both sides of the cockpit forward and well secured at each end. **
- b. Fire extinguisher meeting U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
- c. Manual bilge pump of at least 10 gallons per minute capacity.
- d. Anchor with suitable rode.
- e. Seacocks and soft wooden plugs to close all through hull openings. **
- f. Navigation lights.
- g. Compass.
- h. Charts and piloting tools.
- i. Lead line or echo sounder. **
- j. Foghorn.
- k. Radar reflector. **
- l. Waterproof flashlight.
- m. First aid kit.
- n. At least two gallons of fresh water. **
- o. Life jacket with whistle and strobe light attached, for each crewmember. Mandatory that all single-handed sailors wear life jacket at all times while racing.
- p. Safety harness with tether for each crewmember. All crewmembers should be tethered to boat or jack lines while above deck. Mandatory use of harness and tether sunset to sunrise when offshore.
- q. VHF radio (refer to additional sailing instructions for each race for the specific channel needed).
- r. Three red parachute flares or orange smoke flares, and three red handheld flares. **
- s. An alternate means of propulsion **
- t. Other equipment requirements of NOR of sponsoring yacht club.