



Salty Dawg™
SAILING ASSOCIATION

Offshore Rally Communications & Tracking

Communications Devices

After you register for an offshore rally, our *Communications and Tracking Coordinator* will contact you to review your communication equipment.

Redundancy is important offshore. If your primary communications device fails, a second device will help ensure reliable, continuous, communications between your boat and the Rally Management Team.

We require that each participating vessel have at least *two* offshore communications devices, one of which must be capable of sending the vessel's position four times daily. These devices must be capable of communicating with the SDSA shoreside team, either directly, or through one of our SSB nets.

- One device must be capable of sending and receiving long form email.
- One device must be capable of sending the vessel's position to our tracking map at least four times daily.

Position Reporting

While on passage, you must send a position report at least four times each day, and no more frequently than once per hour. Positions will be shown on the PredictWind Tracking Map for family and friends to follow the progress of the fleet, and to be used in case of emergency. The US Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center, Norfolk VA, monitors this tracking map to be better prepared to assist, if needed.

SSB Radio Nets

For boats with SSB radios, two radio nets are scheduled each day: at 0730 and 2000 AST. These nets serve as an opportunity to pass on emergency, safety, weather and other information as well as a social network while offshore for those in the fleet with SSB radios.