



**Salty Dawg™**  
**SAILING ASSOCIATION**

## REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

The Salty Dawg Sailing Association does not inspect vessels for seaworthiness or compliance with U.S. Coast Guard requirements. Each owner or captain is ultimately responsible to ensure his vessel meets all Federal and State requirements and that the vessel and crew are properly equipped and qualified to withstand the rigors of the passage to be undertaken while participating in a Salty Dawg Rally. Accordingly, the Owner/Captain is the best individual to inspect the vessel and equipment, or make the decisions to engage professional experts where he or she does not have the requisite expertise. The Salty Dawg Sailing Association may provide recommendations and assist with any concerns from participants regarding preparations for an offshore passage.

To facilitate inspection of the vessel by the owner or others who are acting on behalf of the owner, the Salty Dawg Sailing Association has identified a series of valuable checklists which can be found in the [Preparing for Offshore](#) in the Members Only section of our website. All captains are encouraged to use these checklists.

### Required Equipment

#### All Rallies

VHF radio permanently mounted and handheld VHF for backup

#### Offshore Rallies

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.

# Highly Recommended Equipment

## All Rallies:

- ◆ Inflatable Life Jackets/Safety Harness with tether for all crew
- ◆ AIS with receive and transmit capabilities
- ◆ VHF with DSC capability with MMSI number properly installed
- ◆ Handheld GPS for backup
- ◆ Emergency VHF antenna
- ◆ Paper Charts to backup chart plotter

## Offshore Rallies:

- ◆ Emergency Position Indicating Beacon (EPIRB) - properly registered
- ◆ Life raft sufficient for the crew aboard
- ◆ 3 Reef Points on the main unless you have in mast or in boom furling

# Recommended Equipment

## For All Rallies:

- ◆ Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) or Personal AIS
- ◆ High-powered spotlight
- ◆ Emergency steering system
- ◆ Jacklines on deck and in the cockpit
- ◆ High capacity bilge pumps, automatic and manual
- ◆ Wooden plugs correctly sized for each through hull fitting
- ◆ Lifesling MOB device
- ◆ Throwable safety line

## For Offshore Rallies

- ◆ Fuel sufficient to motor at least 25% of the passage.
- ◆ Drinking water sufficient for a ½ gallon, per person for 20 days
- ◆ Food on board for 1.5 times the expected length of the passage
- ◆ Ditch bag with necessary survival and medical stores for 10 days
- ◆ Three reef points in mainsail (and mizzen)
- ◆ Storm headsail
- ◆ Drogue (Gale Rider recommended)
- ◆ Parachute sea anchor
- ◆ SOLAS flares