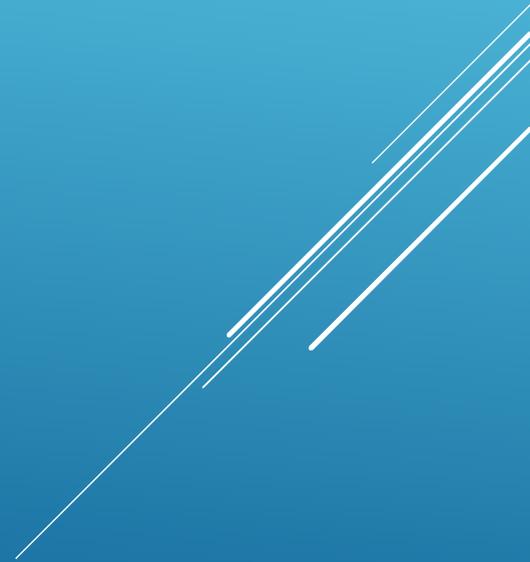


MACKINAW RACE PREP

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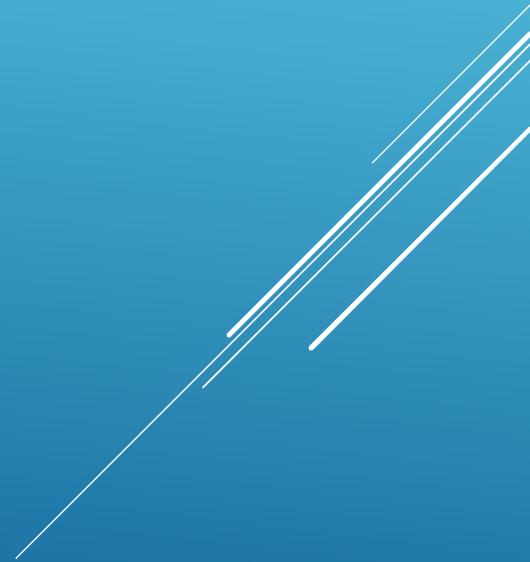


HOW TO GET FROM THIS





TO THIS



SAFETY

NOR documents

Must read and Fulfill

Two person Job

Extra Safety Gear

Liferaft

Epirb

Boat Inspection

All races have safety requirements, either OSR (Offshore Special Regulations or Specific to the race.

They are found in the NOR, and may have their own safety documents

This is used by the boat to create a list of “must have” items

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

- ▶ This list is used both in preparation for the race, as well as a final checklist before leaving for the race.
- ▶ Always use a two person system, so that there is a check on the first person. This is also a great way for others to know exactly where all safety gear is stowed.

NOR

- ▶ Some races do not require a liferaft or epirb
 - ▶ This is a personal decision, as the owner or skipper of the vessel you are responsible for all those onboard
 - ▶ We take both a liferaft and an EPIRB, if something terrible happens, it is worth both the cost and the weight

EXTRA ITEMS

- ▶ Before each distance race inspect all fittings, thru hulls, and rig
 - ▶ Rig Inspection – this is a visual inspection of every fitting up the rig
 - ▶ Great time to re-tape anything, to reduce sail wear
 - ▶ All halyards inspected, as well as shackles
 - ▶ Thru hulls inspected for leaks and functional closure
 - ▶ All deck equipment inspected
 - ▶ Standing rigging inspected for wear/rust/chafe

BOAT INSPECTION



RIG INSPECTION

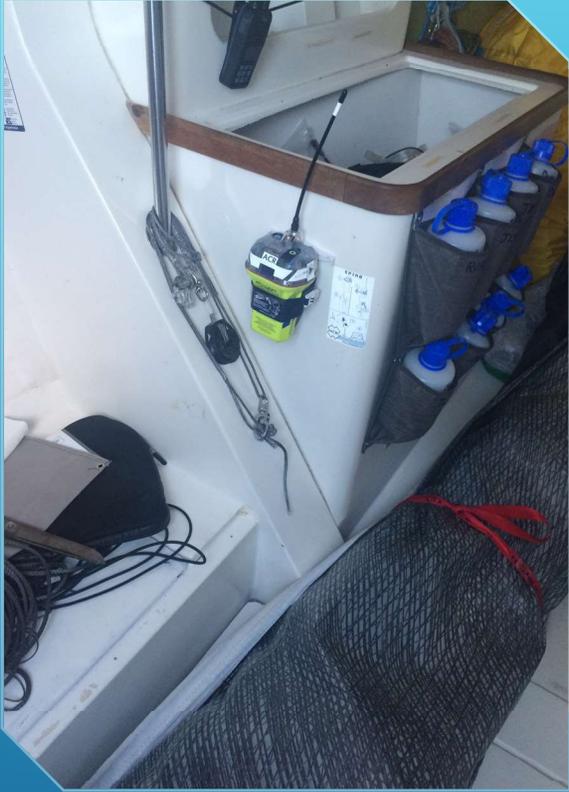
All parts of the rig checked for loose fittings, proper taping of chafe points, as well as any chafe on halyards or standing rigging



BOAT ORGANIZATION

The more organized the boat is, the more space you will have to move around, as well as everything will be faster and more functional

Most teams do not put enough emphasis on this, but it pays off in much more crew sleep time, as well as overall comfort





- ▶ Lightweight solution for fastening items
- ▶ Can be glued anywhere
- ▶ Adding a carabiner makes it idea for bags or hanging anything else

SOFT PADEYES



GEAR STORAGE IN WATERPROOF BAGS

Every item on boat has a labeled home

All items kept as low in boat as reasonably possible



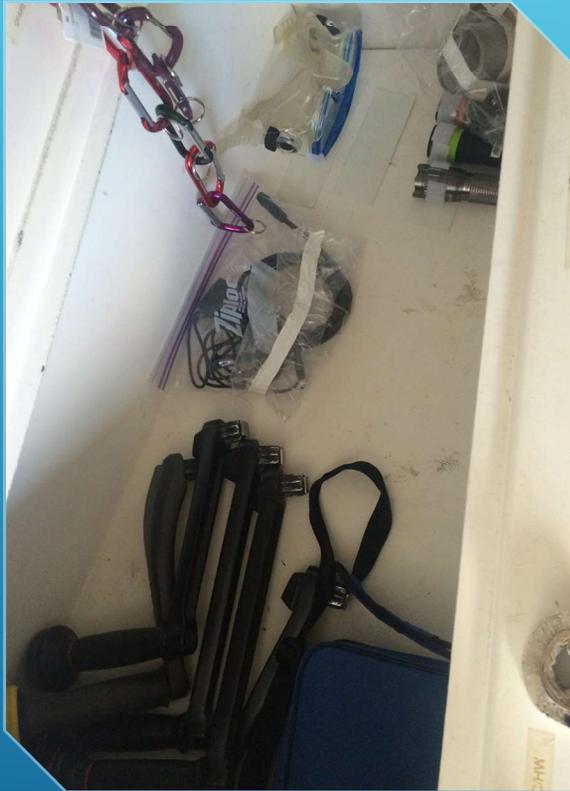
SAFETY ITEMS

All Safety items kept together, for quick access in an emergency



LIFERAFT STORAGE

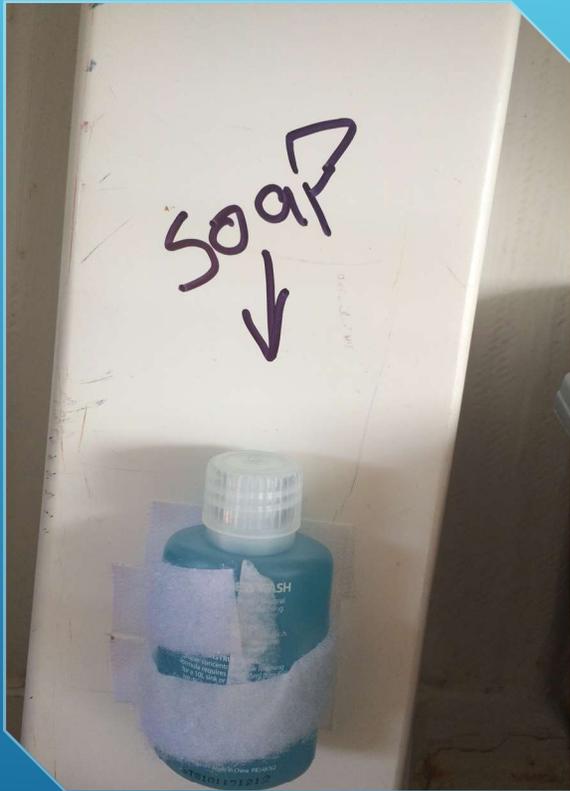
Liferaft storage is defined per category of safety rules, this storage position satisfies up to OSR Cat 2 Rules, as well as being handy quickly if we need it



VELCRO IS YOUR FRIEND!!!

All loose items are kept in their marked position by Velcro

Again, in the dark, this save time looking for things



DON'T DROP THE SOAP

This is a hiking and camping soap concentrate, we used a quarter bottle in 1500 miles last year

WATER



FOOD AND WATER

All water is in water bottles

We use a water filter system for both drinking and cooking water

This saves on weight, cost, and trash

Food

Freeze Dried, (Mountain House is best)

Again saves on weight and trash

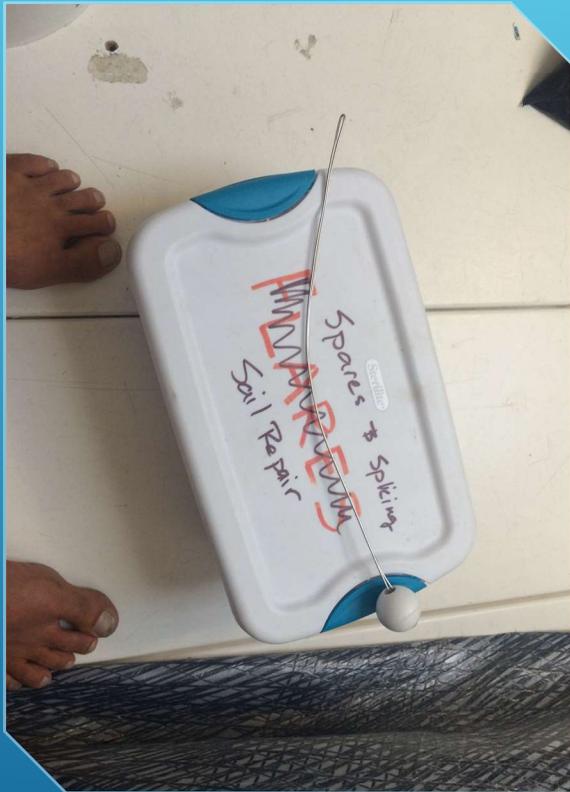
Healthy Snacks and fruit will keep the crew going long after a cookie will



TOOLS

Tool kit on the boat must be able to fix problems

That being said, think of what you really need, we take a minimum necessary, but are still able to take apart a winch if necessary, most boats only require 2-4 allen keys, find the ones you need leave the rest



REPAIRS

Plan out what type of repairs to sails and boat you would do during race, and only bring that material

We bring – Sail Tape, 5200, 5 minute epoxy (underwater), and ferrules and enough dyneema to replace a broken block



PERSONAL GEAR

Personal Gear should be what's necessary for the race

Technical gear is worth it, it is lighter, and more importantly is warm when wet



PERSONAL HEADLAMP

Waterproof, small, long battery life



PERSONAL DRY BAGS

We switched to provided bags, ours will hold all the gear that is necessary for the race



THE PAYOFF!!!!!!

