

## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACURA KEY WEST 2009**

*IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE APPLICABLE CLASS RULES FOR THOSE ONE DESIGN CLASSES GIVEN A ONE DESIGN START CONFLICT WITH THESE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, THE CLASS RULES SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE*

Sailing is an inherently risky activity and it is the ultimate and final responsibility of the skipper, owner and crew to use their best judgment regarding participating in any race, continuing in a race, and use of safety equipment and procedures.

The skipper and/or owner are responsible for assuring that the yacht is seaworthy and equipped with all safety equipment appropriate for the prevailing and expected conditions. Each crewmember shall familiarize themselves with the location and proper use of all such equipment. The skipper and/or owner and crew shall utilize all appropriate safety equipment whenever conditions warrant.

The safety requirements for equipment and procedures are as follows:

1. Requirements of the applicable US Coast Guard Regulations for type and size of vessel (summary of requirements at [http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/fedregs/equ\\_refchart.htm](http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/fedregs/equ_refchart.htm))
2. Requirements as stated in one design class or applicable handicap rules
3. Requirements as stated in the regatta's Notice & Conditions of Race and Sailing Instructions
4. The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2008 – 2009 version), Category 5, except that Part C Recommendations shall be required with the exception of sections 4.01.2 (display of sail numbers while sails are down), 4.26.9 (specific mainsail reefing requirements), and 5.01.2 (SOLAS life jacket requirements). These regulations can be found at: <http://www.isaf.org/1918.php>
5. A Man Overboard practice maneuver shall be practiced by all entries

**Recommendation:**

It is strongly advised that the owner and/or skipper consult with their boat designer and sailmaker to decide the most effective size for storm and heavy weather sails. The purpose of these sails is to provide safe propulsion for the yacht in severe weather.

**Reminder on Rendering Assistance:**

Racing Rules of Sailing Fundamental Rule 1.1 states: "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE KEPT ABOARD THE YACHT DURING ACURA KEY WEST 2009 AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST.

BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature