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### **Town Class Reminder**

Peter Jalbert researched and presented the Town Class required equipment at the March seminar. Some of you might not have attended, so we are providing this list as a reminder.

To race in any MRA or MTCA races, you must have the equipment listed as “Required” and may be called upon to show it before a race. Failure to have the required equipment will result in a disqualification.

The Recommended equipment is very useful to have on board and actually most boats have some or all of the listed equipment. You never need it until you need it, so think seriously about putting it aboard.

#### **Required equipment:**

Type I, II, III, or V (wearable) PFD (personal floating device/life jackets) for each person on board.

One Type IV throwable device- Cushion approximately 15 x 15 x 2 inches.

Sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc) capable of a 4-second blast audible for ½ mile.

VHF Radio

Distress Flag- Orange 3' by 3' showing a black disk and black square 12" in size.

Anchor (4.4 lbs is sufficient) with chain (CG recommends 3' to 6') and line (CG recommends nylon) 50+' in length

Flashlight

#### **Recommended equipment:**

Dewatering- bucket, scoop, sponge, and a bilge pump

Paddle: two are recommended

Compass

Towline 30+ feet: anchor rode can be used for a towline, but easier to have a separate towline

Laminated sailing instructions, chart, and  
code flag chart

Expired but serviceable flares

Tools- knife, screwdriver, pliers, adjustable  
wrench, etc.

Spare shackles, blocks, cotter pins, etc.

Timing device for the start

Yarn for telltales

Needle and heavy thread (dental floss) or sail  
tape or both

Protest flag- code flag "B"