

# Regatta Organizer

## Pre-Regatta

Boat packed up: Gear on board, safety gear, tool box, spare parts, repair kit, VHF

Sails ready: New sails measured, practice sails ok, sail repair kit

Trailer ready: Lights work, spare tire ok, bearings greased, straps ok, registration

Tow vehicle: Hitch ok, oil change, gas, trailer light bridle ok

Entry fee paid

Housing: Directions, phone numbers

Weather forecast, local knowledge research

### Regatta Site

Rig boat: wash deck/hull, Teflon hull, bottom clean/smooth, rudder and keel ok

Complete registration, boat/sail measurement, weigh crew in

Bow numbers, sponsor sticker, sailing instructions

Tune rig

Sails on board

Safety gear, legal equipment ok

### **Practice Day**

At least two boats out to tune

Upwind tuning (four lengths apart) on both tacks Downwind testing: spinnaker up (four lengths apart)

Mark roundings

Split tacks to see favored side of course &/or favorable current

Practice starts (or timed approaches to stationary mark)

Boat handling: tacks, gibes, 720s, 360s, spinnaker sets & douses

Boat ready for race day Attend competitors meeting

### **Race Day**

To regatta site early

Lunches ready; plenty of fluids on board & sunscreen

Weather/current forecast for the day

VHF charged

Tuning guide/numbers on board

Safety gear/life jackets

Get to race area one hour before warning

Sail on course to check, wind, waves, and current movement

Tune with other boat(s) upwind and down

Set spinnaker at least once no matter what the conditions are

Get to line early and set up for starting sequence

Determine favored end of the line and get watches set for sequence

Get off the line and have a great race!