

The Regatta is a PIYA "Coastal Category" event except for the following gear exceptions:

- 1** Section 3.1.1 requiring inflatable life jackets, or Type I life saving devices with crotch straps is at the discretion of the skipper of each boat. Skippers accept responsibility for their choice and it is recommended that Section 3.1.1 is followed as written. Section 3.1.2 is in effect at a minimum and it is recommended that life jackets be worn at all times when racing. It is required that double handed competitors wear life jackets while on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 2** Sections 3.6.1-3.6.3 requiring SOLAS branded flares is recommended, and Section 3.6.4 requiring US Coast Guard approved flares at a minimum is a requirement. If a boat is equipped with SOLAS flares rather than USCG approved flares, it will have met the flare requirements.
- 3** Section 3.8.1 has been amended to include any VHF with a 7 watt minimum, and the masthead antenna requirement has been removed. A second waterproof VHF is still required per Section 3.8.2
- 4** Section 3.8.3 has been changed to recommended.
- 5** Section 3.33.3 A boat shall carry a heavy-weather jib (or heavy-weather sail in a yacht with no forestay) of area not greater than 13.5% height of the fore triangle squared has been changed to recommended.