



SASC Equipment Audits - Category 7,5,4

General Instructions 2026 - 27

1. SASC provides **two free Audit Days in August** (8th and 15th).
2. Administration fees (\$35) will apply outside these free days, or if you book an audit and are not available.
3. Audit forms expire twelve months after the date of audit.
4. Equipment audits shall only be completed on the official forms provided by [Australian Sailing \(AS\)/SASC](#)
5. All gear shall be laid out for inspection. Where equipment is not adequately laid out, the equipment auditor may refuse to continue the audit.
6. The boats owner or person in charge shall be in attendance during the audit
7. Where a boat has outstanding items still required as part of its audit, it shall be ineligible to race. Outstanding items shall be presented with the audit form to sign off, to an AS/SASC accredited auditor.
8. **VHF Radios** – VHF radios are now mandatory for Category 7+. These can be fixed or handheld. DSC is recommended. The radio operator is responsible for any associated Radio licensing.
9. **Inflatable life jackets** – to be checked annually with proof of annual check attached – see PFD checklist
10. **Fire Extinguishers** – must be checked annually and must be under 5 years old and showing green in the meter.
11. Boat Registration – all boats must be registered with TFNSW – Maritime.
12. Audit forms and Insurance certificates must be uploaded to SailSys to complete your race entries – this is mandatory.
13. For Category 7 and 4 you must complete the [AS Category 7 or 4 forms](#).
14. For Category 5, you must complete the AS Category 5 form. **PLUS**, the [Category 5 Addendum](#) – see next page.

For Category 5, you must complete the AS Category 5 form and the additional requirements from TFNSW Maritime:

Category 5 Addendum	Sail Number	Boat name

TFNSW Maritime - Equipment you must carry		P	A
Lifejackets – Preference for 150n PFD For each person on board – also see When to wear a lifejacket	1 per person		
Anchor and chain/line	1		
Bilge pump (electric or manual) For vessels with covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments (other than airtight void spaces). Must be able to drain each compartment. Larger vessels may need additional bilge pumps	1		
Chart (map) For area of operation (printed or digital).	1		
Compass Fluid filled magnetic	1		
Distress flares Not expired.	2 Orange Smoke 2 Red Hand		
Drinking water	2 litres per person		
EPIRB – 406 MHz Must be registered with AMSA and not expired. Please have your registration available to show the auditor	1 if more than 2 NM from shore		
Fire extinguisher	1		
Marine radio – VHF transmitter/Receiver	Fixed or handheld.		
Sound Signal, air horn or whistle or bell	1		
V Sheet A minimum 1.8m x 1.2m	1		
Waterproof Torch Floating and working	1		
2 means of communication Marine Radio and Mobile Phone in waterproof cover	1		