Instructions for using this spreadsheet.

1	This spreadsheet is intended to be used by Organizing Authorities (OA) to assist in defining what gear is required for races of various types.
2	There are three categories of races, based on their duration, distance offshore, and access to rescue services: Ocean, Coastal, and Nearshore.
3	OAs may, at their discretion, add or subtract items from a category based on the unique characteristics of each race they are running.
4	Additional items that could be included when the conditions warrant are given a beige tint in columns D, E, and F. This is not intended to be a complete list, but rather a list of incremental items from other races.
5	Columns G and H can be helpful if the USSER spreadsheet is to be used as a pre- or post-race inspection form. None of the print ranges use columns G and H, but they can be easily added.
6	The Excel Function Custom Views (View->Custom Views) can be used to see All Categories, Ocean, Coastal, or Nearshore requirements.
7	Alternatively, the three categories can be filtered using the Excel Autofilter function. Click the triangle in the SE corner of "Ocean", "Coastal", or "Nearshore" and either choose to clear the filter or select "Select All" and then deselect "(Blanks)".