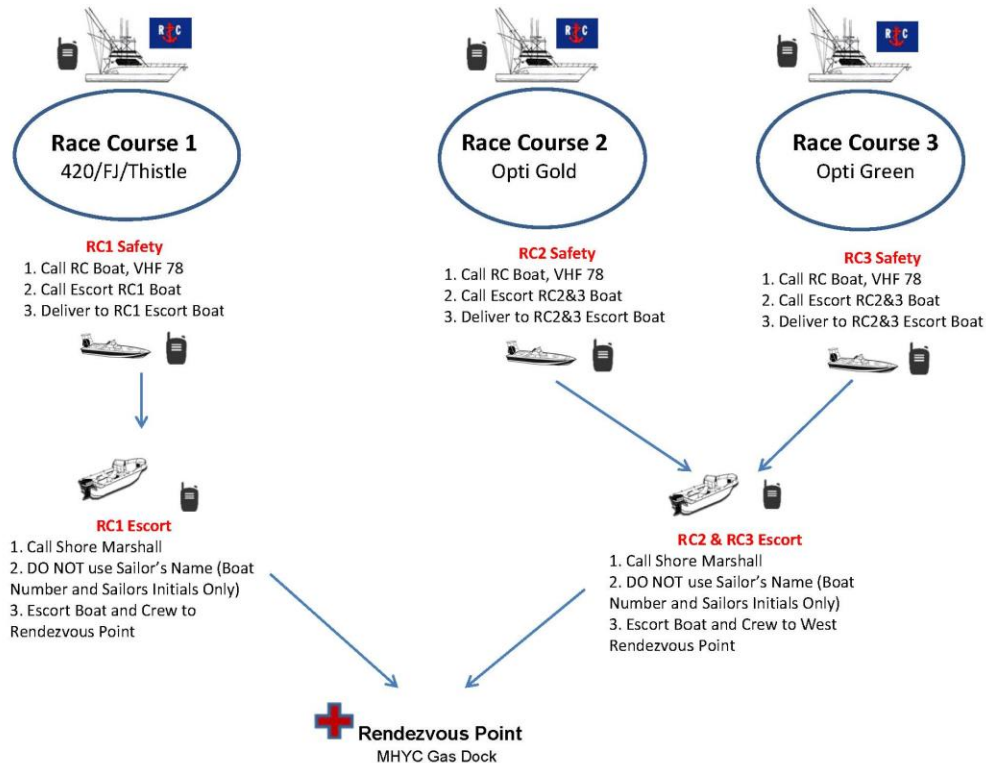


Safety

ON-WATER COMMUNICATIONS & PROCEDURES



The [US Sailing Resource Center](#) includes the very latest on entrapment and trapeze safety, hurricane preparation, and overall yacht club safety guidelines developed by the Gowrie Group.

The [National Safe Boating Council](#) celebrates National Safe Boating week each May. You will find lots of *free* safety resources on their website.

Planning for safety, on and off the water, is particularly vital to a youth event, so appointing a qualified and committed person to head up this effort would be a good early assignment.

Key Pointers

- A must-read for venue safety is “Electrical Hazards” in this section.
- Also read the “Risk Management” chapter in the Race Management Handbook.
- Waivers and medical consent forms: The Racing Rules of Sailing prohibits the use of indemnification and hold-harmless agreements.
- Insurance: See the US Sailing web site for a broad range of comprehensive insurance programs administered by The Gowrie Group (www.ussailing.org/membership/benefits/insurance/) or call 1-800-262-8911.