

## **US SAILING SAFETY AT SEA COMMITTEE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE** Dated: May 2019

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The Safety at Sea Committee enhances marine safety through education, safety equipment requirements, and incident investigations for offshore sailing yachts in all waters.

#### **2. COMPOSITION**

**2.1** The Safety at Sea Committee consists of a Chairperson and an appropriate number of members who possess the necessary skills to complete the required functions.

#### **3. FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Safety at Sea Committee shall:

**3.1.** Liaise with other US SAILING Committees on safety matters, including investigation of sailing incidents and determination of lessons learned so that similar incidents may be avoided, and requirements may be updated as appropriate.

**3.2.** Coordinate safety research and safety education programs, including creating the curriculum and overseeing safety training for nearshore, coastal and offshore sailors.

**3.3** Address specific problems in equipment, technique or other aspects of safety at sea and recommend specifications for hull structure, safety equipment and skills for the expected conditions at sea.

**3.4.** Communicate through the distribution channels of US SAILING or other channels as appropriate.

**3.5.** Provide a US perspective to World Sailing regarding training and equipment requirements.

**3.6.** Acknowledge acts of heroism by awarding the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal as appropriate.

#### **4. REFERENCE**

**4.1.** US SAILING Regulation 4.05.E.5 – Safety at Sea Committee.

**4.2.** US SAILING Regulation 16.01 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – 27. The Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal.

**4.3** The Safety at Sea Committee is a sub-committee under the US Sailing Offshore Committee