

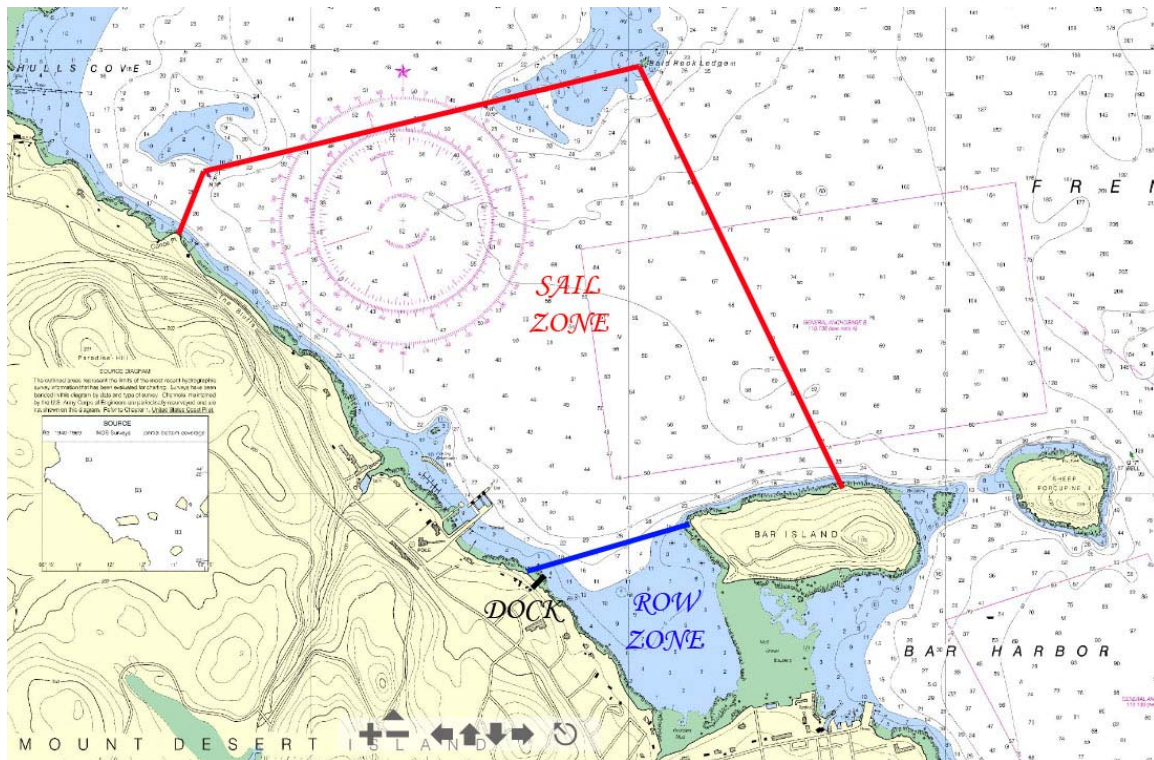
COA Float Plan – for operating outside safety zones

A copy of this document is to be submitted to Vessel Captain prior to departure

- 1) Permission for out-of-boundary boat use will ONLY be allowed under special circumstances and only after interested individuals demonstrate adequate boat handling and safety skills.
- 2) A character-recommendation describing your reliability and responsibility must be submitted by e-mail to Vessel Captain by a COA faculty member.
- 3) A detailed chart indicating your destination(s), or a general area of operation, must be submitted with this document.
- 4) Students wishing to operate COA boats outside of the safety zones must file this Float Plan and strictly follow ALL protocol listed below.
- 5) No COA boats, vessels or any watercraft shall be used in the bay if:
 - Small Craft Advisories are in effect.
 - Local wind gusts are 20 kts or greater
 - Visibility is less than 1.5 miles (you must clearly see Bald Rock from COA pier)
 - Lightening warnings are in effect
 - After or before daylight hours
- 6) The following safety equipment must be onboard:
 - Working and fully charged VHF radio
 - Compass
 - EPIRB
 - Cell phone in dry bag w/ emergency contact information
 - Type I, II or III PFDs for everyone onboard
 - Signal and sound making kit
- 7) A shore-side monitor must be designated and have a working VHF radio on their person at all times. Radios must monitor channel 16 to establish contact and then switch to channel 67 for transmissions. Contact MUST be established at the top of every hour AND/OR when necessary.
- 8) Shore-side monitor must have ALL emergency numbers on their person.
- 9) Information to be provided to Vessel Captain prior to any departure:
 - Name and number of shore-side monitor

- Name and number of student in charge
- Names of ALL boaters
- Destination (Lat/Long or chart)

10) You MUST contact and inform shore-side monitor immediately prior to departure and upon return.



Emergency Contact Info:

COA Vessel Captain 460-8183

Bar Harbor, Harbor Master 288-5571, cell phone 266-2110

Millard Dority Emergency 288-9001