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Years ago in another life I was an aircraft radio technician. The radios, aerials and power supplies were all bolted and screwed into place in the aircraft so removing or fixing anything always involved a selection of screwdrivers and spanners. These were taken from a shadow board and only those taken from a shadow board could be used on the aircraft. As well as signing off the repair job you also signed to say all tools were back on the shadow board.

Change the shadow board for a race entry sheet and not much changes in 50 years when it comes to safety. Instead of a spanner safely back on a shadow board we are talking about a boat safely back on the ramp after a race. With bigger fleets sailing the potential to mislay someone accidentally becomes a possibility.

Put your shadow on the race sheet to be ticket off when the job is complete.

Safe sailing.

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