

To whom it may concern:

The expedited request, if granted, will result in promoting the safety of life and property. This will be accomplished in two ways. First, the applicant is closely coordinating with Boston Harbor Police and the United States Coast Guard to attempt to limit the boat traffic that will be allowed onto or near the course. Harbor Police and the Coast Guard will rely on the video feeds and radio communication with the race organizers to determine the course and proximity of the demonstration vessels in relation to the course track and to ensure adequate separation from spectator vessels.

The second safety of life and property consideration is that by providing real-time large screen television monitors of the race, the actual number of onboard spectators in the harbor area would be kept to a minimum. Race organizers estimate that without the monitors and real time coverage available shore-side, approximately twice as many people could be expected to attempt to board boats in order to get a closer view. This would likely result in a risk of overloading these spectator boats, many of which may be inadequately outfitted to deal with a crowd surge.

The presence of these additional spectator boats would also very substantially increase congestion in the harbor and enhance the likelihood of collision, mainly among the disorganized fleet of spectator boats, but also possibly between a spectator boat and a demonstration vessel. Indeed, the very purpose of having the monitors and localized video coverage is to reduce the congestion in the harbor and to prevent collisions and the overloading of spectator boats.