

Offshore Special Regulations

3.23 b) Bilge Pumps

A submission from the Chairman, International Regulations Commission

Purpose or Objective

To harmonise OSR with ISO 15083 – Bilge-pumping systems and the standards to which production yachts are equipped.

Proposal

Amend regulation:

	3.23	Bilge Pumps and Buckets
**	3.23.1 a)	two strong buckets, each with a lanyard and of a least 9 l (2.4 US Gal) capacity
Mo,1,2	b)	two permanently installed manual bilge pumps. <u>At least one shall be operable from the cockpit.</u> one operable from above, the other from below deck
Mo3Mu0,1,2		one permanently installed manual bilge pump
Mo4		one manual bilge pump
Mu0,1,2,3,4	c)	Provision to pump out all watertight compartments (except those filled with impermeable buoyancy).

Current Position

As above

Reason

Harmonise OSR requirements with ISO 15083 – Bilge-pumping systems. The current OSR wording requiring two manual pumps is not in line with the requirements of ISO 15083, which permits the use of manual or electric pumps. The standard also requires at least one pump to be operable from the cockpit.
