

Submission: **SR02-15**

Offshore Special Regulation 1.01.3

Purpose and Use – Inshore racing

A submission from the Working Party Reviewing OSR Categories 4 and 5

Purpose or Objective

To consider generally whether OSRs should offer greater guidance to the selection of OSR categories and if appropriate to emphasise the fundamental difference between category 4 and inshore races.

Proposal

Consider whether OSRs should offer greater guidance to the selection of OSR categories.

If appropriate, amend OSR 1.01 to emphasise the fundamental difference between category 4 and inshore races:

1.01.3	These Special Regulations, adopted internationally, are strongly recommended for use by all organisers of offshore races. Race Committees may select the category deemed most suitable for the type of race to be sailed. <u>Particular attention is drawn to the description of Special Regulations for inshore racing which includes that adequate shelter and or effective rescue is available all along the course. This is not included in more onerous OSR categories.</u>	**
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Current Position

1.01.3	These Special Regulations, adopted internationally, are strongly recommended for use by all organisers of offshore races. Race Committees may select the category deemed most suitable for the type of race to be sailed.	**
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Reason

1. The WP notes that the fundamental difference between category 4 and inshore races is the availability of adequate shelter and/or effective rescue all along the course for inshore races. The WP suggests that this could be emphasised in OSR 1.01.3.
2. The WP is however concerned that if there is to be emphasis in this respect, it is arguable that there should also be emphasis in other respects including for example the requirement in categories 0 and 1 for boats to be self-sufficient.
3. The WP hesitates to make a formal recommendation, but suggests that this should be generally reviewed by Special Regulations Sub-committee. If the conclusion is that there should be more guidance, the WP offers the submission above to serve this purpose in respect of category 4 and inshore races.

See also Working Party Report – Item 6(d).
