

**Offshore Special Regulation 3.23 - Bilge Pumps**

A submission from the Chairman

**Purpose or Objective**

To recognised that large yachts equipped and certified by classification societies may have suitable bilge pumps which may not be manually powered.

**Proposal**

- 3.23.5 The following shall be provided:
- a) two permanently installed **independently-powered (including manual **power**)** bilge pumps, one operable from above, the other from below deck. Each pump shall be operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut and shall have permanently installed discharge pipe(s) of sufficient capacity to accommodate simultaneously both pumps Mo0,1,2
  - b) one permanently installed manual bilge pump either above or below deck. The pump shall be operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut and shall have a permanently installed discharge pipe. Mu0,1,2
  - c) multihulls shall have provision to pump out all watertight compartments (except those filled with impermeable buoyancy). Mu0,1,2,3,4
  - d) at least one permanently installed manual bilge pump operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut Mo3
  - e) one manual bilge pump Mo4
  - f) two buckets of stout construction each with at least 9 litres (2 UK gallons, 2.4 US gallons) capacity. Each bucket to have a lanyard \*\*

**Current Position**

- 3.23.5 The following shall be provided:
- a) two permanently installed manual bilge pumps, one operable from above, the other from below deck. Each pump shall be operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut and shall have permanently installed discharge pipe(s) of sufficient capacity to accommodate simultaneously both pumps Mo0,1,2
  - b) one permanently installed manual bilge pump either above or below deck. The pump shall be operable with all cockpit seats, Mu0,1,2
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hatches and companionways shut and shall have a permanently installed discharge pipe.

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| c) multihulls shall have provision to pump out all watertight compartments (except those filled with impermeable buoyancy).             | Mu0,1,2,3,4 |
| d) at least one permanently installed manual bilge pump operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut                 | Mo3         |
| e) one manual bilge pump  | Mo4         |
| f) two buckets of stout construction each with at least 9 litres (2 UK gallons, 2.4 US gallons) capacity. Each bucket to have a lanyard | **          |

### Reason

To recognise that large vessels may have bilge pumps powered by a variety of sources.

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