

Submission: **SR14-12**

Offshore Special Regulation 4.21.2 – Grab bags

Grab bags mandatory and on deck

A submission from the Sten Edholm, Special Regulations Sub-Committee

Purpose or Objective

To propose grab bags to be mandatory in Cat 0-2 and at least one to be carried on deck.

Proposal

New text

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| 4.21.2.a | A yacht shall have for each liferaft, a grab bag with the following minimum contents. A grab bag shall have inherent flotation, at least 0,1 sqm area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the yacht and shall have a lanyard and a clip. At least one grab bag shall be stowed on deck or in the cockpit. | MoMu0,1,2 |
| 4.21.2.b | <i>. A yacht is recommended to have for each liferaft, a grab bag with the following minimum contents. A grab bag should have inherent flotation, at least 0,1 sqm area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, should be marked with the name of the yacht and should have a lanyard and a clip</i> | MoMu3 |
| 4.21.2.c | Note: it is not intended to duplicate in a grab bag items required by other OSR to be on board the yacht – these recommendations cover only the stowage of items. | MoMu0,1,2,3 |

Current Position

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| 4.21.2.a | <i>A yacht is recommended to have for each liferaft, a grab bag with the following minimum contents. A grab bag should have inherent flotation, at least 0,1 sqm area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, should be marked with the name of the yacht and should have a lanyard and a clip.</i> | MoMu0,1,2 |
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Reason

Grab bags are already mandatory for multihulls in Cat 3 and 4, however today only as recommendations in Cat 0-2, which is not logical.

Several recent accidents show that the grab bag below deck has not been able to be retrieved or brought up on deck due to fire or capsized.

This follows recommendations from the US Sailing report on the Rambler accident at Fastnet Race 2011.