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Offshore Special Regulation - 3.30

Hull Identification

A submission from Yachting Australia

Purpose or Objective

To assist in SAR, hulls need to be clearly identified.

Proposal

Insert a new regulation as follows:

3.30 HULL IDENTIFICATION

3.30.1 Boats shall have either on the deck or on each side, near the bow an identification number which is either the boats sail number or a race number specifically provided by the race organizer as specified in the notice of race.

The number shall be in a highly visible contrasting colour to the background hull or colour patch.

Current Position

There is no current requirement for hull identification.

Reason

It became evident during the 1998 Sydney – Hobart race that hulls needed to be clearly identifiable so that search operations can quickly find high-risk cases and better inform rescue operations.