

Submission: **SR11-15**

**Offshore Special Regulations – 4.21.4 – Swimmer of the Watch Bag**

**Proposed changes related to “Recovery back on Board” procedures**

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**Purpose or Objective**

One of a few changes related to “Recovery Back on Board” procedures, updating with modern technology and procedures.

**Proposal**

- **Para 4.21.4** “Swimmer of the Watch” could be expanded with a few additional equipment recommendations like scuba goggles, 50 N life vest etc.

*Amend Text to read:*

<b>4.21.4</b>	<b>Swimmer of the Watch Bag</b>	<b>MoMu0</b>
	<i>a) It is recommended to keep a bag, stored ready for immediate use within reach of the main companionway hatch, to facilitate the recovery of a man overboard by a swimmer of the watch and containing-</i>	<i>MoMu0</i>
	<i>b) 50 metres of buoyant 8mm rope</i>	<i>MoMu0</i>
	<i>c) a pair of swim fins</i>	<i>MoMu0</i>
	<i>d) a semi-automatic life jacket / <b><u>50N life vest</u></b></i>	<i>MoMu0</i>
	<i>e) suitable clothing to effect a man overboard recovery in cold water</i>	<i>MoMu0</i>
	<b><u>f) Scuba goggles</u></b>	<b><u>MoMu0</u></b>

**Current Position**

*As Above*

**Reason**

The reasons for the proposals are analysed and discussed in the 2015 report of the Working Party “Recovery Back on Board”. First fact finding and conclusions were presented at AGM 2013, followed by a preliminary report at AGM 2014 and now a final report for AGM 2015 to be a contribution for the OSR 2016-2017 revision of OSR.

See Working Party Report 6(a)