

### **OSR 1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge**

To nominate a replacement Person in Charge to cover the eventuality of the Person in Charge being incapacitated

A submission from the Chairman of the OSR Committee on behalf of RORC

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To require the Person in Charge to nominate a Second in Command so that in the event of the Person in Charge becoming incapacitated the crew know who is in charge.

#### **Proposal**

To amend OSR 1.02.1 as follows:

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation. \*\*

#### **Current Position**

1.02.1 As above

#### **Reason**

1. In the event of the Person in Charge becoming incapacitated someone must take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge therefore a Second in Command is required.

*Note: This submission is tendered in the light of recommendations made by the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch following an incident when the Person in Charge was lost overboard and lost his life.*