

Submission: **SR29-11**

**Offshore Special Regulations – 4.26.2(a)**

**Mandatory High Visibility Areas on Storm Sails**

A submission from Yachting Australia

Purpose or Objective

To ensure that all storm sails are of highly-visible material.

Proposal

**4.26.2 High Visibility**

- a) ~~it is strongly recommended that~~ Every storm sail should either be of highly-visible coloured material (eg dayglo pink, orange or yellow) or have a highly-visible coloured patch **at least 20% of the area of the sail** added on each side; and also that a rotating wing mast used in lieu of a trysail should have a highly-visible coloured patch on each side. **A storm sail purchased after January 2012 shall be made entirely of highly-visible coloured material.**

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Current Position

As above

Reason

This strong recommendation has been in place for many years and it is considered that it is time to now make it mandatory, particularly as highly-visible material is now widely available.

There should also be a minimum area defined for the coloured patch permitted on existing sails.

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