

Submission: **SR04-06**

OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS – 3.20.1

Cooking Facilities / LPG Canisters

A submission from US SAILING

Proposal:

3.20.1 add

“3.20.1 a) LPG cooking canisters used inside the boat must be no more than 225 grams (8 oz)

3.20.1 b) Reserve canisters must be stored on the exterior where vapor can only flow overboard

Current Position:

3.20.1 A cooking stove, permanently installed or securely fastened with safe accessible fuel shutoff control and capable of being safely operated in a seaway.

Reason:

3.20.1 is silent on storage of propane. Propane is both explosive and heavier-than-air and if uncontrolled will settle in the bilge.

Motivation:

Inspections of offshore race boats indicate a trend for light weight stove installations to use propane as the fuel. Race organizers need the authority of the Special Regulations to insure safe installations.

Secretariat Note:

Deferred submission from November 2006. The offshore committee minutes states:

“Agenda Item 5(d) OSR 3.20.1 Cooking Facilities

Submission SR4-06 from US Sailing was received. The OSR SC recommendation was to defer in order to clarify which other gases were to be included, whether lighter-than-air gases were to be excluded and whether the maximum permitted size was a worldwide industry standard.

Decision: Deferred