

## **Redrafting of the Offshore Special Regulations**

A paper by the Offshore and Technical Department.

In February 2007 the ISAF Executive Committee decided that Vice-President David Irish, the Offshore Committee and ISAF Secretariat will implement a review of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.

*Vice-President David Irish had proposed a review which would incorporate changes including:*

- *Regulations would be separated from recommendations;*
- *A regulation would begin with a plain language statement of the reason or goal for that regulation;*
- *Resolve the questions of various specifications for an item through allowing the user to choose among accepted standards;*
- *Minimize the volume of the regulations through inclusion of only “High Priority items” that “significantly enhance safety”, with other items moving to the recommendations section;*
- *Recognize that the purpose of the OSR is to establish standards of safety for boats intended to race offshore, and not to typeform or govern characteristics not directly and significantly related to safety, such as accommodation;*
- *Required features or equipment that would typically be incorporated in the construction of production “cruiser-racer” boats would be in a separate part of the regulations, and ISAF would offer an “In House Certification” of compliance with these items to boat manufacturers.*

A meeting was held in June at the Royal Thames YC in London consisting of Philip Tolhurst, Chairman of the Offshore Committee and Patrick Lindqvist Chairman Special Regulations Sub-Committee, Sten Edholm (ORC), Simon Forbes and Henry Thorpe (ISAF Secretariat).

### **Proposed Layout:**

The following publications are therefore proposed to replace the current publication.

### **Inshore Special Regulations**

- Containing Category 5 and potential newly proposed Category 6 and dinghy safety recommendation.

### **Offshore Special Regulations**

- Define the default reader as Category 2 or 3 and aim the document at this level then have further category requirements presented as additions or subtractions.

### **Offshore Special Regulations Guidelines**

- Use to explain the intent of the rule and also contain the recommendations. The text in this document is specifically not part of the actual regulations.

### **Offshore Training and Advisory Book**

- Covers appendix D,E,F,G together with the content of the advisory type regulations contained within the Offshore Special Regulations
- The document will also include best practise as presently incorporated into the main body of the text
- Useful for both the racing and cruising part of the ISAF safety remit

### **Secondary Information Sheets**

- **International Standard Organisation** - Appendix B
- **Inspection Card Sheets** – Appendix C
- **Use of OSR in Notice of Race** - Guidelines

### **Proposed Time Scale**

- 2007 Annual Conference
- Dec 2007 / Jan 2008 Working Party Meeting Southampton
- 2008 Mid Year Meeting for the Special Regulations Sub-Committee
- June 2008 Draft made public
- 2008 Annual Conference
- Revised Offshore Special Regulations published effective 1st January 2009