

Submission: **SR03-08**

Offshore Special Regulations - 4.23

Pyrotechnic and Light Signals White Hand Flares

A submission from the RYA

Proposal:

red parachute flares LSA III 3.1	red hand flares LSA III 3.2	<u>white hand flares*</u>	buoyant orange smoke LSA III 3.3 3 minute duration	race category
6	4	<u>4</u>	2	MoMu0,1
4	4	<u>4</u>	2	MoMu2,3
	4		2	Mo4
2	4		2	Mu4

TABLE 13

***Specifications of white flares (except colour and candela rating) should comply with the LSA Code Chapter III 3.3**

Current Position:

As above.

Reason:

White hand flares are an invaluable aid to collision avoidance. Unlike spotlights and flashlights flares are omni directional. Flares do not rely on batteries and bulb filaments to function so they are more reliable. Spare batteries and bulbs would take too long to fit in the event of an imminent collision. Spotlights and flashlights can be used for other purposes so there is a danger of them not functioning in the event of an emergency.