

Submission: **SR28-07**

Offshore Special Regulations - 3.08.2(a)

Definition of Hatch

A submission from the Chairman of Offshore Committee
(on behalf of the working party)

Proposal:

Remove Interpretation Number 1 from the ISAF website

Current Position:

Interpretation No.1

~~SR 3.08.2 (a) and Definitions, "hatch".~~

Question

~~In SR 3.08.2 (a) is every opening device (eg a ventilation port) included in the term "hatch"?~~

Answer

~~No. The term "hatch" for the purposes of SR 3.08.2 (a) shall be taken to mean one large enough for a person to pass through.~~

~~SR 3.08.2 shall not be taken to prevent the installation of a dedicated escape hatch required in SR 3.07.2 and 3.07.3.~~

~~Attention is drawn to SR 3.02.1 "A hull, including deck, coach roof, windows, hatches and all other parts, shall form an integral, essentially watertight unit and any opening in it shall be capable of being immediately secured to maintain this integrity."~~

~~Alan Green~~

~~Chairman ISAF Special Regulations sub-committee 3rd January 2003.~~

Reason:

To promote discussion on the interpretation issued by the chairman and to incorporate it into the current offshore special regulations.

The proposal to delete the interpretation is based on the following two points:

- Most of the intent of the interpretation is covered by the amendment made after the interpretation was issued to not include multihulls in the requirement to keep the opening above the waterline at ninety degrees of heel
- Ventilation ports probably shouldn't be given a specific dispensation. Windows and hatches are covered in an earlier submission.

Secretariat Notes

The minutes of the 2007 Offshore Committee / Special Regulations SC state the following:

6b OSR Interpretation 1

Submission SR28-07 was received from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee

Recommendation to the Offshore Committee: Reject

Offshore Committee Decision: Defer

The submission above remains unchanged.