

## **OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

### SR 4.02 Hull Marking (on multihulls)

A submission from the RYA

#### Proposal:

To change regulation 4.02.2 as follows:

#### **4.02 Hull marking**

##### 4.02.1 To assist in SAR location:-

a) Each yacht shall show at least 4 square metres of fluorescent pink or orange or yellow colour as far as possible in a single area on the coachroof and/or deck where it can best be seen MoMu0

b) *Each yacht is recommended to show at least one square metre of fluorescent pink or orange or yellow colour as far as possible in a single area on the coachroof and/or deck where it can best be seen* MoMu1

4.02.2 Each yacht shall show on the underside, where they can be seen when inverted, an area ~~on each hull~~ of highly-visible colour (e.g. Day-Glo pink, orange, or yellow) of at least 1m<sup>2</sup>. Mu0,1,2,3,4

4.02.3 *Each yacht is recommended to show on each underwater appendage an area of highly-visible colour* MoMu0,1

#### Current Position:

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Reason:

MOCRA and the RORC strongly support the requirement for high visibility hull marking on the underside of multihulls and were the original authors of submission 042-04 on the subject. However the submission was modified and the current requirement is impractical on small multihulls. Requiring a 1m<sup>2</sup> block on each hull of a multihull mean that the block of colour needs to go up to the sheerline on a small trimaran outrigger. Owners are extremely reluctant to comply with this requirement. Removing the requirement for marking on each hull would be more acceptable to most owners and more likely to lead to compliance.