ISAF Offshore Special Regulations

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New Special Regulation Categories

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal:

It is proposed that two new categories of Special Regulations are introduced; one dealing with the minimum safety requirements for inland and sheltered water events, the other the minimum safety requirements for inshore and coastal events

Current Position:

There are currently no global recommendations for the safety at inland and coastal events.

Reason:

Now that the Special Regulations are fully integrated into the ISAF structure an ideal opportunity exists for the Categories to be extended to cover inland and coastal events.

Bearing in mind that Special Regulations are not mandatory but are purely internationally recommended safety regimes which may be of use by race organisers; it is proposed that two new categories are introduced generally along the following, one for Inland and sheltered waters the other for coastal waters. These Categories could be invoked in NoRs and SIs for dinghy and keelboat events run in these waters and specify requirements like the appropriate ISO buoyancy aids or lifejackets, the size of anchors, length and size of tow lines, buckets, flares, compass, quick release trapeze harnesses etc.