Offshore Special Regulations

OSR 2.04.1 – General Requirements

A submission from Sail Canada

Purpose or Objective

To require all items that have a finite lifespan to be within their expiry period.

Proposal

Amend the regulation as follows:

2.04 General Requirements

2.04.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

a) function properly
b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
c) if it has an expiry date, have an expiry date later than the race time limit
d) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
e) be readily accessible
f) be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

Current Position

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Reasons

In many cases items which have expiry dates are required but the OSR doesn’t require the item to be unexpired. Under the current wording, some examples where the boat could meet the OSR include:

4.07 spare batteries, (batteries beyond their expiry date aren’t excluded)
4.19 EPIRB, (EPIRBs beyond their service date aren’t excluded)
4.22 permits inflatable liferings and inflatable pole.
5.01 Lifejacket, in this case and in 4.22, the automatic inflation device (bobbin) has an expiry date that shouldn’t be exceeded.
A blanket inclusion under 2.04.1 would cover all these (and possibly more) instances in a single line.