

Submission: **SR04-21**

Offshore Special Regulations

OSR 3. 29 Communications Equipment, GPS, Radar, AIS

A submission from the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile)

Purpose or Objective

To update the requirements of the OSRs with the evolution of technology

Proposal 1

Amend OSR 3.29.9: to read:

MoMu0 3.29.9

~~a Standard-C satellite terminal (GMDSS)~~ **a satellite device able to receive data and a tracking device** shall be permanently installed and permanently powered up for the duration of the race and for which the race ~~committee~~ **management** shall have polling authority

Proposal 2

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Current Position

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Reasons

Standard C was developed in the 90s. and was the only system to get a position request from ashore

This GMDSS device have 3 functions :

- Push a distress button (GMDSS).
In the various races organised in France, this function have never been used. The alerts came from EPIRBS/PLB/VHF/DSC/Phone, and witnesses
- Get the safety information
Other providers are now offering the same data function by different sat networks (eg Iridium, Fleet broadband, Certus,)
- Polling request from ashore

In Offshore sailing, the tracking is a key point on a media and safety point of view. Every race committee/Race management is now able to request a position from ashore and manage the trackers

Nowadays, all the boats in MoMu 0 have a computer with a satellite link onboard, and can easily get the safety information on the web.

Some insurance companies are now requesting these trackers, to be able to plot the boat when capsized or abandoned

- The change of wording between race committee and race management is to be consistent with the wording of OSRs appendix E