**Offshore Special Regulations – Multihull Nets or Trampolines**

OSR 3.15 and 3.16 Catamarans

A submission from Chairman Special Regulations Sub-committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To clarify the requirements for nets and trampolines on catamarans

**Proposal**

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Mu0,1,2,3,4 On a catamaran the total net surface shall have nets covering the area defined be limited:

Mu0,1,2,3,4 a) laterally by the hulls; and

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**Current Position**

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**Reason**

3.15.2 and 3.15.3 specify minimum net surface for trimarans ("shall have nets covering") and 3.16 appears to specify maximum net surface for catamarans ("shall be limited by"). Am I reading this correctly? If so, why the difference? Is there an (implied?) minimum net surface for catamarans?