

Offshore Special Regulations

Submission: **SR08-21**

OSR 4.21 – Grab Bags

A submission from Sail Canada

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to require boats which carry liferafts to carry a grab bag for each raft.

Proposal

	4.21 Grab Bags	
Mo3Mu3,4	4.21.1	Either a watertight compartment or a grab bag, readily accessible whether or not the boat is inverted, with the following minimum contents:
MoMu1,2	4.21.1	Either a watertight compartment or a grab bag for each liferaft, readily accessible whether or not the boat is inverted, each with the following minimum contents:
MoMu0	4.21	Either a watertight compartment or a grab bag for each liferaft (not required for a spare liferaft under OSR 4.20.1 b)), readily accessible whether or not the boat is inverted, each with the following minimum contents:
Mo3Mu3,4**	4.21.1	a) a watertight hand-held marine VHF transceiver with spare batteries
Mo3Mu3,4**	4.21.1	b) a watertight flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
Mo3Mu3,4**	4.21.1	c) 3 red hand flares
Mo3Mu3,4**	4.21.1	d) a watertight strobe light with spare batteries
Mo3Mu3,4**	4.21.1	e) a knife
**	4.21.2	f) If a A grab bag is provided it shall have inherent flotation, at least 0.1 m ² (1 ft ²) area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the boat, and shall have a lanyard and clip
MoMu1,2,3,4	3.29.05	a hand-held marine VHF transceiver for each grab bag , watertight or with a waterproof cover. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag or emergency container (see OSR 4.21)
Mu3,4	4.07.1	b) a flashlight in addition to OSR 4.07 a) for each grab bag

Current Position

The following regulations permit or require items to be stowed in a grab bag.

MoMu0	3.29.03	a) at least two hand-held satellite telephones, watertight or with waterproof covers and internal batteries. When not in use each to be stowed in a grab bag (see OSR 4.21)
MoMu0	3.29.04	at least two hand-held marine VHF transceivers each with min 5 W output power, watertight or with waterproof covers. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag (see OSR 4.21)
MoMu1,2,3,4	3.29.05	a hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag or emergency container (see OSR 4.21)
Mu3,4	4.07.1	c) the watertight flashlight in OSR 4.07 b) shall be stowed in the grab bag or emergency container
MoMu1,2	4.20.2	d) The minimum contents of the ISO liferaft equipment packs are listed below. Not all items are necessarily packed within the liferaft. Some items are permitted to be carried within an accompanying waterproof grab bag which shall be in a readily accessible location:
MoMu1,2	4.20.2	viii 6 anti-seasickness pills per person *
MoMu1,2	4.20.2	ix Seasickness bag per person, each with a simple, effective, closure system *
MoMu1	4.20.2	xv 2 thermal protective aids in accordance with SOLAS LSA Code Chapter III, 2.5 *
MoMu1	4.20.2	xvii 2 additional 500 mL container of drinking water per person, or desalinators *
MoMu1,2	4.20.2	* may be packed in grab bag instead of liferaft

Reasons

The current OSRs require certain items to be carried in a grab bag, and yet the grab bag is not explicitly required.

Under OSR 4.20.1 a) boats may meet their liferaft capacity by carrying more than one liferaft. Each liferaft should be equipped with the grab bag contents, otherwise only one raft would have emergency equipment.

Note that the reason for splitting 4.21 into 4.21.1 and 4.21.2 is that the former lists contents of the bag and the latter describes characteristics of the bag.

Related Proposal



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Boat's name

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The boat's name on miscellaneous buoyant equipment, such as lifejackets, cushions, lifebuoys, recovery slings, ~~grab bags~~ etc.

Current Position

As above without the proposed change.

Reasons

The requirement under 4.21 f) is that the grab bag is marked with the boat's name. RRS guidance is that rules don't get repeated.