

Offshore Special Regulations

Submission: **SR09-21**

OSR 4.21 Grab Bags

A submission from the Royal Netherlands Watersports Association

Purpose or Objective

To rewrite for clarity OSR 4.21.

Proposal

Amend the regulation as follows:

4.21 Grab Bags

- Mo3Mu3,4 4.21 Either a watertight ~~compartment~~ container or a grab bag,
..... minimum contents:
** 4.21 f) If a grab bag is provided it shall have inherent flotation, at least 0.1 m²
(1 ft²) area of a fluorescent and distinct noticeable color (i.e. orange or
yellow) on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the boat, and
shall have a lanyard and clip.
If racing under category 3 with liferaft 4.21 f) shall apply. If racing
under category 3 (without liferaft) 4.21 a) till f) shall apply

Current position

- Mo3Mu3,4 4.21 Either a watertight compartment or a grab bag, readily accessible
whether or not the boat is inverted, with the following minimum
contents:
** 4.21 f) If a grab bag is provided it shall have inherent flotation, at least 0.1 m²
(1 ft²) area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, shall be marked
with the name of the boat, and shall have a lanyard and clip

Reasons

The word container in 4.21 is in line with OSR 3.29.5.

Orange grab bags are difficult to get in the chandlers shops, yellow is quite common.

The addition of the 2 lines to 4.21 f) is to make the difference in the contents of the grab bag in category 3 and category 3 plus liferaft more clear, especially if the OSR By Part is being used.