Offshore Special Regulations

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.