**Offshore Special Regulations 2.01 – OSR Category references**

**OSR 2.01.6 and 2.01.7**

A submission from the Working Party Reviewing OSR Categories 4 and 5

**Purpose or Objective**

To rename categories 5 and 6 to emphasise the non linear nature of OSR categories.

**Proposal**

Amend OSR 2.01.6 and 2.01.7 removing reference to categories 5 and 6.

2.01.6 **Special Regulations for Inshore Racing**

Refer to Appendix J where Special Regulations for **inshore racing** are given in full. The symbol “***” does not include Special Regulations for Inshore Racing.

2.01.7 **Special Regulations for Inshore Dinghy Racing**

Refer to Appendix L where Special Regulations for **inshore dinghy racing** are given in full. The symbol “***” does not include **Special Regulations for Inshore Dinghy Racing**.

Amend the headers to Appendices J and L as above.

**Current Position**

2.01.6 **Category 5 - for inshore racing**

Please refer to Appendix J where Special Regulations for Category 5 are given in full. The symbol “***” does not include Category 5.

2.01.7 **Category 6 - for inshore racing**

Please refer to Appendix L where Special Regulations for Category 6 are given in full. The symbol “***” does not include Category 6.

**Reason**

1. During review of Categories 4 and 5, the view was commonly stated that OSRs are not a linear progression. Specifically, categories 0 – 3 are clearly for ‘offshore’ races while categories 5 and 6 are clearly for ‘inshore’ races. Category 4 is thus the cross-over point.

   The view was expressed from a number of quarters that this should be made clearer and that categories 5 and 6 should be renamed to be explicitly for inshore races removing the perception of a linear progression with higher categories. While neither ‘offshore’ nor ‘inshore’ are defined, the current titles of both categories 5 and 6 include ‘for inshore races’. The issue therefore is to clearly separate these categories from the remainder of OSRs. This could be readily achieved by renaming them as above.

2. Before recommending the above, the Working Party considered two other options:
APPENDIX J
Safety Regulations for inshore races, category 1

APPENDIX L
Safety Regulations for inshore races, category 2

Or:

APPENDIX J
Safety Regulations for inshore races, category A

APPENDIX L
Safety Regulations for inshore races, category B

In discussion however, it was noted:

a) that the use of categories 1 and 2 would potentially create confusion with the existing offshore categories 1 and 2.

b) that the use of categories A and B would potentially create confusion between Design Categories A and B defined by ISO 12217.

The Working Party therefore concluded that the clearest solution was simply to refer to Special Regulations for Inshore Racing and Special Regulations for Inshore Dinghy Racing.

3. The current intended purpose descriptions in Appendices J and L are not changed by this submission.

4. Reference to these Regulations in a Notice of Race would be eg: *ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J (L), Special Regulations for Inshore (Dinghy) Racing, shall apply.*

5. It is understood that exiting Appendices J and L may be re-named as Appendices A and B. In this submission, J and L would then become A and B.

See also Working Party Report Item 6(d).