Offshore Special Regulations

OSR 4.20.3 Liferaft Packing and Stowage

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Purpose or Objective
Delete OSR 4.20.3 b

Proposal

Amend regulation:

Delete: “In a boat with primary launch before June 2001, a liferaft may be packed in a valise not exceeding 40 kg securely stowed below deck adjacent to a companionway.”

Current Position
As above

Reason
1. Serious accidents because of structural failure with boats built before 2001

2. Liferafts stowed below deck cannot be reached after a capsize

Above proposal with reasons have been concluded in the evaluation and accident investigation of the sudden capsize of the Dutch yacht Capella, 1st July 2017, at an offshore race of the Belgian Coast, with the loss of 3 lives. Capella was built 1992.