Offshore Special Regulation – 4.07 & 4.23.2

Flashlight(s)

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association (GBR)

Purpose or Objective
The purpose of this submission is to make it clear that one high powered light satisfies the requirements of 4.23.2 and 4.07

Proposal

4.07 Flashlight(s)

4.07.1 The following shall be provided for searching for a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance:

MoMu0,1,2,3

a) a watertight, high-powered searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night, with spare batteries and bulbs, and **
b) a watertight flashlight with spare batteries and bulb **
c) for Mu3,4 the watertight flashlight in OSR 4.07.1 (b) shall be stowed in the grab bag or emergency container Mu3,4

d) d) a watertight high-intensity heavy duty handlamp powered by the ships' batteries, instantly available Mo0.Mu0

4.23.2 The following lights shall be provided and readily available for the purpose of collision avoidance:

**
a) a watertight white torch (flashlight) with spare batteries and bulb

b) a watertight, high-powered white spotlight (searchlight) with spare batteries and bulbs **

Current Position

Both OSR 4.23.2 and OSR 4.07 require high powered lamps. The two regulations apply to different categories. It is not clear whether both regulations can be satisfied by one light.

Reason

When the OSRs were changed to allow a light to be used to shine at the bridge of a ship rather than require white hand held flares references to flashlights were added to the Flares section 4.23.2. This change has led to the OSRs having two references to high powered spotlights. It is not clear whether two high powered lights are required or whether one light can satisfy both requirements.