

Submission: **SR18-12**

**Offshore Special Regulation 3.29 – Communications Equipment**

**DSC on handheld VHF radios**

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Purpose or Objective

To amend OSR 3.29 to implement additional use of Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

Proposal

New text

3.29 Provision of GMDSS and ~~DSC~~ is unlikely to be mandatory for small craft MoMu0,1,2,3  
during the term of the Special Regulations.

3.29.1 e Addition; *The handheld receiver should have Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and be equipped with GPS.* MoMu0,1,2,3,4

Current Position

3.29 *Provision of GMDSS and DSC is unlikely to be mandatory for small craft MoMu0,1,2,3  
during the term of the Special Regulations.*

3.29.1.e A hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover. MoMu0,1,2,3,4  
When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag or emergency container (see  
OSR 4.21)

Reason

The use of DSC gets continuously more frequent. There are now also portable VHF radios that have DSC as well as GPS from less than 300 USD. Currently no mention regarding DSC and GPS in 3.29.1 (e).

This follows also the recommendations from the US Sailing Report on the Rambler accident in the Fastnet Race 2011.