

Submission: **SR21-15**

Offshore Special Regulations

Section 6 Training

A submission from Roy van Aller (Double-handed racing Working Party Chairman)

Purpose or Objective

Introduce training requirement in Category 3 races for short-handed crew.

Proposal

Add 6.01.1

6.01 At least 30% but not fewer than two members of a crew, including the skipper shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in both 6.02 topics for theoretical sessions, and 6.03 topics which include practical, hands-on sessions. MoMu1,2

6.01.1 When there are two crew including the skipper, at least one member of the crew shall have undertaken training as in OSR 6.01 **MoMu 3**

Current Position

6.01 At least 30% but not fewer than two members of a crew, including the skipper shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in both 6.02 topics for theoretical sessions, and 6.03 topics which include practical, hands-on sessions. MoMu1,2

Reason

1. Minute 5(h) of the Special Regulations Subcommittee 2014:

Short-handed Racing

A report was received from Roy van Aller. Following input from a variety of double-handed events it was concluded that there is no need to produce a specific OSR race category column for double-handed racing.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to extend down to Category 3, the current requirement in Categories 0-2 that both crew shall have undertaken training. A submission will be produced for next meeting regarding OSR 6.01, Category 3 and Double-Handed crew.

2. Following discussions with owners of double-handed sailed yachts, mainly from the Netherlands, they agreed that the obligation of Offshore Personal Safety Training (OPST) for both crewmembers in category 3 races will be an improvement in safety on board.
 3. However, to have this obligation applicable, without a well advanced notice, to both crewmembers might give such a financial and organisational strain to the owner and his crew that they might suspend double-handed racing in category 3. It was therefore proposed to make this rule applicable to only one crewmember in the upcoming revision of the OSR and make it applicable to both crewmembers in the revision thereafter in two years time.
 4. It is of course the responsibility of the crewmember who has passed the OPST course to pass his learned lessons to the other crewmember while preparing the race.
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