APPENDIX J - Category 5 3.08 Companionway Requirements

A submission from the Chairman of Special Regulation Sub-committee

Proposal
To amend Appendix 5 – Part A Basic, 3.08 so that it is not more stringent than Cat 0 to 4.

In November 2008, OSR 3.08 Hatches and Companionways was amended in the main text of the document, but Appendix J – Category 5, which had the same wording, was not updated to reflect these amendments.

Amendment
In Appendix J – Category 5 section 3.08 – delete current text and insert current text of OSR 3.08

Current Position
Appendix J, 3.08 repeats the text of 2008 OSR 3.08

Reason
In November 2008 OSR 3.08 Hatches and Companionways was amended, this now permits Category 0 to 4 boats with a transom opening aft to sea to have a companionway sill lower than the local sheerline if the arrangement meets the relevant ISO standard.

Appendix J – Category 5 repeats the pre-November 2008 text of 3.08.3 and has not been amended in line with the current Category 0 to 4 text. This means the requirements are more onerous for Category 5 than for Category 0 to 4.