Offshore Special Regulations – 4.26.4(g)

Removing the Requirement for a Reefable Main or Trysail in Cat 4

A submission from the Chairman, Special Regulations Sub-committee

Proposal

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<td>either a storm trysail as defined in OSR 4.26.4(c), or mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 40%.</td>
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Current Position

As above in black text.

Reason:

Point 8 detailed in Storm Sail Working Party report November 2010:
Category 4 currently requires boats to have either mainsail reefing or to carry a trysail. The main purpose of a trysail (storm force) is clearly not appropriate in Cat 4 racing. If the need is to “get you home” all offshore boats have engines and virtually all have at least one jib. The WP therefore recommends that Cat 4 be removed from OSR 4.26.4 (g). Race managers can always add a requirement for a reefing main etc. if they so wish.

Oceanic and Offshore Committee November 2010 minute:
"..It was agreed that the submissions resulting from the working party(apart from any regarding point 6) are not expected to be re-debated as this subject has now received considerable attention. Decision: It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Special Regulations Sub-Committee should prepare submissions to implement the recommendations in the OSR 2012. “