Offshore Special Regulations – 4.07

Flashlights / Seachlights

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

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<td>The following shall be provided:-</td>
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<td>a) a watertight, high-powered flashlight or spotlight</td>
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<td><strong>searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night</strong>, with spare batteries and bulbs, and</td>
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<td>b) a watertight flashlight with spare batteries and bulb</td>
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<td>c) for Mu3,4 the watertight flashlight in OSR 4.07.1 (b) shall be stowed in the grab bag or emergency container</td>
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Current Position

As above

Reason

The current wording does not reflect the intention of the regulation.

One primary function of the searchlight in 4.07.1 is for searching for a person overboard at night.

A flashlight is usually inferior to a spotlight.

Competitors are frequently misled by the current wording. We have found that when conducting inspections that competitors often produce a Maglite or similar type torch/flashlight rather than a more powerful searchlight which would be of far more use in locating a person overboard in the dark.