2022-2023 Offshore Special Regulations

Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls & Multihulls
THE WORLD SAILING
OFFSHORE
SPECIAL
REGULATIONS
for 2022 – 2023

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Structural Features · Boat Equipment
Personal Equipment · Training

World Sailing
Offshore Racing Environmental Code

World Sailing is committed to the promotion of care for the environment. In offshore racing we will

- use holding tanks where fitted and empty at a pump-out station or more than 3 miles offshore
- in the bilges use oil collection pads and dispose properly ashore
- use environmentally-friendly cleaning products suitable for the marine environment
- retain garbage on board for recycling or disposal ashore except on a long voyage when biodegradable waste may be discharged overboard
- avoid the use of 2-stroke engines (except advanced models with pollution control)
- use shore toilets when in port
- observe IMO guidelines on biofouling
- use solar, water power or wind charging when appropriate
- encourage new offshore racing yachts (OSR Cat 0, 1 & 2) constructed after 2022, to produce at least 20% of their power requirements using renewable energy sources whilst racing

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The Special Regulations Sub-Committee was created in 1967 by the newly formed Offshore Rule Co-ordinating Committee, later the Offshore Racing Council now the Offshore Racing Congress. As the horizons of offshore racing extended into round-the-world and multihull activities, so too did the scope of Special Regulations, which now cover racing in seven categories. Interpretations, amendments, and also extract files for particular categories and boat types, are available on the World Sailing web site (www.sailing.org/specialregs).
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Language & Abbreviations Used

Mo - Monohull
Mu - Multihull
** - means the item applies to all types of boat in all Categories except 5 for which see Appendix B or 6 for which see Appendix C.

RED TYPE indicates significant changes in 2022

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The use of the masculine gender shall be taken to mean either gender

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(b) monitor developments in offshore racing relative to the standards of safety and seaworthiness.

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SECTION 1 - FUNDAMENTAL AND DEFINITIONS

1.01 Purpose and Use

1.01.1 The purpose of the Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) is to establish uniform minimum equipment, accommodation and training standards for monohull and multihull (excluding proa) boats racing offshore.

1.01.2 The OSR do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of governmental authority, Classification Society certification, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), class rules and Rating Systems.

1.01.3 Use of the OSR does not guarantee total safety of the boat and her crew. Particular attention is drawn to the description of OSRs for inshore racing which includes that adequate shelter and or effective rescue is available all along the course. This is not included in more onerous OSR categories.

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of the OSR, nor their use by Organizing Authorities, nor the inspection of a boat under the OSR in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person in Charge.

1.02.3 By participating in a race conducted under the OSR, the person in charge, each competitor and boat owner agrees to reasonably cooperate with the organizing authority and World Sailing in the development of an independent incident report as specified in 2.02

1.03 Definitions, Abbreviations, Word Usage

1.03.1 Definitions of Terms used in this document

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<td>Automatic Identification Systems</td>
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<td>CEN</td>
<td>Comité Européen de Normalisation</td>
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<td>Coaming</td>
<td>The part of the cockpit, including the transverse after limit, over which water would run when the boat is floating level and the cockpit is filled to overflowing</td>
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<td>COLREGS</td>
<td>International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea</td>
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<td>A cockpit where the combined area open aft to the sea is less than 50% maximum cockpit depth x maximum cockpit width</td>
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<td>Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation</td>
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<td>Every person on board</td>
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<td>DSC</td>
<td>Digital Selective Calling</td>
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<td>European Norm</td>
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<td>EPIRB</td>
<td>Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon</td>
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<td>ERS</td>
<td>World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing</td>
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<td>The transverse station at which the upper corner of the transom meets the sheerline.</td>
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<td>First Launch</td>
<td>Month &amp; year of first launch of the individual boat</td>
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<td>Foul-Weather Suit</td>
<td>Clothing designed to keep the wearer dry and may consist of one piece or several</td>
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<td>Global Maritime Distress &amp; Safety System</td>
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<td>Global Navigation Satellite System</td>
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<td>Hatch</td>
<td>The term hatch includes the entire hatch assembly including the lid or cover as part of that assembly</td>
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<td>HMPE</td>
<td>High Modulus Polyethylene (Dyneema®/Spectra® or equivalent)</td>
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<td>International Maritime Organisation</td>
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<td>The International Mobile Satellite Organisation, the independent, intergovernmental organisation that oversees Inmarsat’s performance of its Public Service Obligations for the GMDSS and reports on these to IMO</td>
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<td>INMARSAT</td>
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<td>International Sailing Federation- (now World Sailing)</td>
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<td>International Telecommunications Union</td>
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<td>Jackstay</td>
<td>A securely fastened webbing or rope which permits a crewmember to move from one part of the boat to another without having to unclip a safety harness tether.</td>
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<td>LH</td>
<td>Hull Length as defined by the ERS</td>
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<td>Lifeline</td>
<td>Rope or wire line rigged as guardrail / guardline around the deck</td>
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<td>LSA</td>
<td>IMO International Life-Saving Appliance Code</td>
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<td>(Length of) loaded waterline</td>
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<td>A boat with one hull</td>
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<td>Material carried for the sole purpose of increasing weight and/or influencing stability and/or trim and which may be moved transversely but not varied in weight while a boat is racing</td>
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<td>ORC</td>
<td>Offshore Racing Congress (formerly Offshore Racing Council)</td>
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<td>OSR</td>
<td>Offshore Special Regulation(s)</td>
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<td>Permanently Installed</td>
<td>The item is effectively built-in by e.g. bolting, welding, glassing etc. and may not be removed for or during racing.</td>
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<td>PLB</td>
<td>Personal Locator Beacon</td>
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<td>Primary Launch</td>
<td>Month &amp; Year of first launch of the first boat of the production series or first launch of a non-series boat</td>
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<td>Proa</td>
<td>Asymmetric Catamaran</td>
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<td>Rode</td>
<td>Rope, chain, or a combination of both, which is used to connect an anchor to the boat.</td>
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<td>RRS</td>
<td>World Sailing - Racing Rules of Sailing</td>
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<td>Safety Line</td>
<td>A tether used to connect a safety harness to a strong point</td>
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Securely Fastened

Held strongly in place by a method (e.g. rope lashings, wing-nuts) which will safely retain the fastened object in severe conditions including a 180° capsize and allows for the item to be removed and replaced during racing

SOLAS

Safety of Life at Sea Convention

SSS

The Safety and Stability Screening numeral

Static Ballast

Material carried for the sole purpose of increasing weight and/or influencing stability and/or trim and which is not moved or varied in weight while a boat is racing

Static Safety Line

A safety line (usually shorter than a safety line carried with a harness) kept clipped on at a work-station

STIX

ISO 12217-2 Stability Index

Variable Ballast

Water carried for the sole purpose of influencing stability and/or trim and which may be varied in weight and/or moved while a boat is racing.

Waterline

The water surface when the boat is floating in measurement trim

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formerly the International Sailing Federation or ISAF

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1.03.2 The words "shall" and "must" are mandatory, and "should" and "may" are permissive.

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1.03.3 The word "yacht" shall be taken as fully interchangeable with the word "boat".

SECTION 2 - APPLICATION & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Categories of Events

Organizing Authorities shall select from one of the following categories and may modify the OSR to suit local conditions

2.01.1 Category 0

MoMu0

Trans-oceanic races, including races which pass through areas in which air or sea temperatures are likely to be less than 5°C (41°F) other than temporarily, where boats must be completely self-sufficient for very extended periods of time, capable of withstanding heavy storms and prepared to meet serious emergencies without the expectation of outside assistance

2.01.2 Category 1

MoMu1

Races of long distance and well offshore, where boats must be completely self-sufficient for extended periods of time, capable of withstanding heavy storms and prepared to meet serious emergencies without the expectation of outside assistance

2.01.3 Category 2

MoMu2

Races of extended duration along or not far removed from shorelines or in large unprotected bays or lakes, where a high degree of self-sufficiency is required of the boats

2.01.4 Category 3

MoMu3

Races across open water, most of which is relatively protected or close to shorelines.

2.01.5 Category 4

MoMu4

Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters normally held in daylight.

2.01.6 Special Regulations - for Inshore Racing

Short races, close to shore in relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only (refer to Appendix B)

2.01.7 Special Regulations - for Inshore Dinghy Racing

Short races in boats that may not be self-sufficient, with rescue boats available all along the course, held in daylight only (refer to Appendix C)

2.02 Incident Reporting

The Organizing Authority of a race will establish whether any incidents
2.03 **Inspection**
A boat may be inspected at any time. If she fails to comply with the OSR her entry may be rejected or she will be subject to protest.

2.04 **General Requirements**

2.04.1 All equipment required by OSR shall:

- function properly
- be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
- if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing
- when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- be readily accessible
- be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

2.04.2 Heavy items shall be permanently installed or securely fastened

### SECTION 3 - STRUCTURAL FEATURES, STABILITY, FIXED EQUIPMENT

A boat shall be/have:

3.01 **Strength of Build and Rig**

3.01.1 Properly rigged, fully seaworthy and shall meet the OSR

3.01.2 Equipped with shrouds and at least one forestay that shall remain connected to the mast and the boat while racing (not applicable to boats with free-standing masts)

3.01.3 The forestay referenced above shall be sized and connected in a way that ensures it is capable of withstanding the full sailing loads independent of any headsail luff load capacity

3.02 **Watertight and Structural Integrity of a Boat**

3.02.1 Essentially watertight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard, daggerboard trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the Waterline

3.02.2 Effective 1 January 2022: Structural Inspection - Consult the owner’s manual for any instructions for keel bolt checking and re-tightening. The following inspection to be conducted by a qualified person externally with the boat out of the water. Check that there are no visible stress cracks particularly around the keel, hull/keel attachment, hull appendages and other stress points, inside the hull, backing plates, bolting arrangements and keel floors. (See Appendix L - Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure)

3.02.3 Effective 1 January 2022: Evidence of a structural inspection in accordance with 3.02.2 within 24 months before the start of the race or after a grounding whichever is the later

3.02.4 Effective 1 January 2022: Inspection after Grounding – an appropriately qualified person shall conduct an internal and external inspection after each unintentional grounding

3.03 **Hull Construction Standards (Scantlings)**

3.03.1 If a monohull with a Primary Launch after 2009

3.03.1.a) less than 24 m (78'-9") LH shall:

3.03.1.i) be designed, built and maintained in accordance with the requirements of ISO 12215 Category A

3.03.1.ii) have a World Sailing / ISAF building plan review certificate issued from a notified body recognized by World Sailing, unless higher classification has been obtained from a Classification Society recognised by World Sailing. World Sailing will publish a list of waived plan review certificates.

3.03.1.b) 24 m (78'-9") LH and greater shall be designed, built and maintained in accordance with the requirements of a Classification Society recognized by World Sailing.
have a Builder’s Declaration signed and dated by the builder to confirm the boat is built in accordance with the reviewed plans. In cases when a builder no longer exists, a race organizer or class rules may accept a signed statement by a naval architect or other person familiar with the requirements of above in lieu of the Builder’s Declaration, and

have an additional World Sailing/ISAF certificate of building plan review in accordance with a) or b) and c) above for any significant repair of modification to the hull, deck, coachroof, keel or appendages.

A monohull with Primary Launch between 1987 and 2010, and all multihulls, shall have been designed, built, maintained, modified or repaired in accordance with the requirements of:

OSR 3.03.1, or
the ABS Guide for Building and Classing Offshore Yachts and have on board either an ABS certificate of plan approval, or written statements signed by the designer and builder confirming that they have respectively designed and built the boat in accordance with the ABS Guide, or
the EC Recreational Craft Directive for Category A having obtained the CE mark, or
ISO 12215 Category A, with written statements signed by the designer and builder confirming that they have respectively designed and built the boat in accordance with the ISO standard, and
have written statements or approvals in accordance with a), or b) or c) and d) above for all significant repairs or modifications to the hull, deck, coachroof, keel or appendages, on board, except that a race organizer or class rules may accept, when that described in a), b), c), d) or e) above is not available, the signed statement by a naval architect or other person familiar with the standards listed above that the boat fulfils these requirements

Able to demonstrate compliance with ISO 12217-2* design category A or higher, either by EC Recreational Craft Directive certification having obtained the CE mark or the designer’s declaration
Able to demonstrate compliance with ISO 12217-2* design category B or higher, either by EC Recreational Craft Directive certification having obtained the CE mark or the designer’s declaration
* The latest effective version of ISO 12217-2 should be used unless the boat was already designed to a previous version
Where compliance in accordance with 3.04.1 cannot be demonstrated, able to demonstrate either:
a STIX value not less than 32; and
AVS not less than 130 - 0.002*m, but always >= 100°, (where “m” is the mass of the boat in the minimum operating condition as defined by ISO 12217-2); and
a minimum righting energy m*AGZ>172000 (where AGZ is the positive area under the righting lever curve in the minimum operating condition, expressed in kg metre degrees from upright to AVS); or
a STIX value not less than 23; and
AVS not less than 130 - 0.005*m, but always >= 95°, (where “m” is the mass of the boat in the minimum operating condition as defined by ISO 12217-2); and
a minimum righting energy not less than m*AGZ>57000 (where AGZ is the positive area under the righting lever curve in the minimum operating condition, expressed in kg metre degrees from upright to AVS); or
Stability Index in ORC Rating System of not less than 120; or
Stability Index in ORC Rating System of not less than 115; or
Stability Index in ORC Rating System of not less than 110; or
Mo3  b) Stability Index in ORC Rating System of not less than 103; or
Mo0,1  c) IRC SSS Base value of not less than 35
Mo2  c) IRC SSS Base value of not less than 28
Mo3  c) IRC SSS Base value of not less than 15
Mo0  3.04.3 Capable of self-righting from an inverted position with or without reasonable intervention from the crew and independent of the condition of the rig

3.05 Stability and Flotation - Multihulls

Mu0,1,2,3,4  3.05.1 Watertight bulkheads and compartments (which may include permanently installed flotation material) in each hull, to ensure that the boat is effectively unsinkable and capable of floating in a stable position with at least half the length of one hull flooded (see OSR 3.13.2)

Mu0,1,2,3,4  3.05.2 Transverse watertight bulkheads at intervals of not more than 4 m (13'-3") in every hull without accommodation if with a First Launch after 1998

Mu0,1,2,3,4  3.05.3 Designed and built to resist capsize

3.06 Exits - Monohulls

Mo0,1,2,3,4  3.06.1 At least two exits if 8.5 m (28') LH and greater and with a Primary Launch after 1994. One exit shall be located forward of the foremost mast except where structural features prevent its installation

Mo0,1,2,3,4  3.06.2 The following minimum clear hatch openings if First Launch after 2013:
Mo0,1,2,3,4  a) a circular hatch with diameter 450 mm (18''); or
Mo0,1,2,3,4  b) any other shape with minimum dimension of 380 mm (15'') and minimum area of 0.18 m² (1.9 ft²) (see figure 1)

3.07 Exits and Escape Hatches - Multihulls

Mu0,1,2,3,4  3.07.1 Exits
Mu4  At least two exits in each hull which contains accommodations
At least two exits in each hull which contains accommodations if 8 m (26'-3") LH and greater

3.07.2 Escape Hatches, Underside Clipping Points & Handholds
Mu0,1,2,3,4  a) If 12 m (39'-4") LH and greater each hull which contains accommodation:
Mu0,1,2,3,4  i an escape hatch for access to and from the hull in the event of an inversion;
Mu0,1,2,3,4  ii a minimum clearance diameter through each escape hatch of 450 mm (18'') or when an escape hatch is not circular, sufficient clearance to allow a crewmember to pass through fully clothed on boats if First Launch after 2002
Mu0,1,2,3,4  iii each escape hatch above the waterline when the boat is inverted;
Mu0,1,2,3,4  iv each escape hatch at or near the midships station if First Launch after 2000
Mu0,1,2,3,4  v each escape hatch on the side nearest the vessel's central axis for a catamaran if First Launch after 2002
Mu0,1,2,3,4  b) if a trimaran at least two escape hatches in compliance with the dimensions in OSR 3.07.2 a) ii if 12 m (39'-4") LH and greater if First Launch after 2002
Mu0,1  c) if a trimaran at least one escape hatch in compliance with the dimensions in OSR 3.07.2 a) ii if less than 12 m (39'-4") LH if First Launch after 2002
Mu0,1,2,3,4  d) each escape hatch shall have been opened both from inside and outside within 6 months prior to the race
Mu0,1,2,3,4  e) appropriate handholds/clipping points on the underside sufficient for all crew (on a trimaran these shall be around the central hull)
Mu0,1,2,3,4  f) a catamaran with a central nacelle first launched after 2002 shall have on the underside around the central nacelle, handholds of sufficient capacity to enable all persons on board to hold on and/or clip on securely
Mu2,3,4

**3.07** if less than 12 m (39'-4") LH either escape hatches in compliance with OSR 3.07.2 a), b) and c) or:

a) in each hull which contains accommodation, a station where an emergency hatch may be cut. The cutting line shall be clearly marked both inside and outside with an outline and the words “ESCAPE CUT HERE”, and tools suitable for cutting the emergency hatch, ready for instant use, adjacent to the cutting site. Each tool shall be secured to the vessel by a lanyard.

b) in each hull which contains accommodation, a station where an emergency hatch may be cut. The cutting line shall be clearly marked both inside and outside with an outline and the words “ESCAPE CUT HERE”, and tools suitable for cutting the emergency hatch, ready for instant use, adjacent to the cutting site. Each tool shall be secured to the vessel by a lanyard.

**3.08** Hatches & Companionways

**3.08.1** Hatch covers forward of the maximum beam station shall not open toward the interior of the boat, except hatches in the side of a coachroof or ports having an area of less than 0.071 m² (110 in²)

**3.08.2** A hatch, including a hatch over a locker shall be:

a) permanently attached and capable of being firmly shut immediately and remaining firmly shut in a 180° capsize

b) above the water when the boat is heeled 90°

A boat may have a maximum of two hatches on each side of centerline that do not conform to the requirement in b), provided that the opening of each is less than 0.071² m (110 in²)

**3.08.3** Hatches not conforming with 3.08.1 and 3.08.2 shall be clearly labelled and used in accordance with the following instruction “NOT TO BE OPENED AT SEA”

**3.08.4** Companionway hatches:

a) fitted with a strong securing arrangement which shall be operable from the exterior and interior even when the boat is inverted

b) capable of being retained in position with the hatch open or shut

c) secured to the boat (e.g. by lanyard) for the duration of the race

d) permit exit in the event of inversion

**3.08.5** if a monohull with Open Cockpit(s):

a) a companionway sill that does not extend below the local sheerline; or

b) a companionway in full compliance with ISO 11812 category A

**3.08.6** if a monohull with Contained Cockpit(s) where the companionway extends below the local sheerline, panels capable of blocking the companionway up to the level of the local sheerline whilst giving access to the interior.

**3.08.7** if a multihull with a companionway hatch extending below the local sheerline either:

a) have a minimum sill height of 300 mm (12") and be capable of being blocked off up to the level of the local sheerline whilst giving access to the interior with the blocking device(s) in place; or

b) be in compliance with ISO 11812 to design category A

Mo4

b) be in compliance with ISO 11812 to design category B

**3.09** Cockpits

**3.09.1** Cockpits that self-drain quickly by gravity at all angles of heel and are permanently incorporated as an integral part of the boat

**3.09.2** A cockpit sole at least 2% LWL above the waterline (or in IMS boats with First Launch before 2003, at least 2% L above the waterline)

**3.09.3** A bow, lateral, central or stern well is a cockpit for the purposes of OSR 3.09

**3.09.4** Cockpit Volume

The maximum combined volume below lowest coamings of all contained cockpits shall be:

MoMu0,1

a) primary launch before April 1992: 6% (LWL x maximum beam x freeboard abreast the cockpit)

MoMu2,3,4

a) primary launch before April 1992: 9% (LWL x maximum beam x freeboard abreast the cockpit)

b) primary launch after March 1992 as above for the appropriate category except that “lowest coamings” shall not include any aft of the FA station and no extension of a cockpit aft of the working deck shall be included in calculation of
**Cockpit Drains**

Cockpit drain cross section area of unobstructed openings (after allowance for screens if fitted) shall be at least that of:

**a)** 2 x 25 mm (1") diameter or equivalent for a boat less than 8.5 m (28') LH

**b)** 4 x 20 mm (3/4") diameter or equivalent for a boat 8.5 m (28') LH or greater

**Sea Cocks or Valves**

Permanently installed sea cocks or valves on all through-hull openings below the waterline except for integral deck scuppers and instrument through-hulls

**Sheet Winches**

Sheet winches mounted in such a way that an operator is not required to be substantially below deck

**Mast Step**

The heel of a keel stepped mast securely fastened to the mast step or adjoining structure

**Watertight Bulkheads**

Either a watertight "crash" bulkhead within 15% of LH from the bow and abaft the forward end of LWL, or permanently installed closed-cell foam buoyancy effectively filling the forward 30% LH of the hull

Any required watertight bulkhead to be strongly built to take a full head of water pressure without allowing any leakage into the adjacent compartment

At least two watertight transverse main bulkheads in addition to any bulkheads positioned within the forward and aft 15% of LH

Outside deck access for inspection and pumping shall be provided to every watertight compartment terminated by a hull section bulkhead, except that deck access to extreme end "crash" compartments is not required

An access hatch in every required watertight bulkhead (except a "crash" bulkhead). The access hatch shall have means of watertight closure permanently attached to the main panel, or lid, or cover of the hatch. The closure shall not require tools to operate

**Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines**

The perimeter of the deck surrounded by system of lifelines and pulpits as follows:

a) Continuous lifelines fixed only at (or near) the bow and stern. However a gate on each side of a boat is permitted. Except at its end fittings and at gates, the movement of a lifeline in a fore-and-aft direction shall not be constrained. Temporary sleeving shall not modify tension in the lifeline.

b) Minimum heights of lifelines and pulpit rails above the working deck and vertical openings:

i) upper: 600 mm (24")

ii) intermediate: 230 mm (9")

iii) vertical opening: no greater than 380 mm (15") except that on a boat with a Primary Launch before 1993 where it shall be no greater than 560 mm (22")

iv) a boat less than 8.5 m (28') LH may use a single lifeline system with a height between 450 mm (18") and 560 mm (22")

v) Lifelines permanently supported at intervals of not more than 2.2 m (7'-2 1/2") and shall not pass outboard of supporting stanchions

d) Pulpit and stanchion bases permanently installed with pulpits and stanchions mechanically retained in their bases

e) The outside of pulpit and stanchion base tubes no further inboard from the edge of the working deck than 5% of maximum beam or 150 mm (6"), whichever is greater, nor further outboard than the edge of the working deck

f) Stanchions straight and vertical except that:

i) within the first 50 mm (2") from the deck, stanchions shall not be displaced horizontally from the point at which they emerge from the deck or stanchion base by more than 10 mm (3/8")

ii) stanchions may be angled to not more than 10° from vertical at any point
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above 50 mm (2”) from the deck

g) A bow pulpit may be open provided the opening between the pulpit and any part of the boat does not exceed 360 mm (14”)

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Figure 2 - Diagram Showing Pulpit Opening

h) Lifelines may terminate at or pass through adequately braced stanchions set inside and overlapping the bow pulpit

i) When a deflecting force of 4 kg (8.8 #) is applied to a lifeline at the mid-point of the longest span between supports that are aft of the mast, the deflection shall not exceed:

   i) 50 mm (2”) for an upper or single lifeline

   ii) 120 mm (4 ¾”) for an intermediate lifeline

3.14.2 Special Requirements for Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines on Multihulls

a) When on a boat it is impractical to precisely follow OSR regarding pulpits, stanchions, lifelines, the regulations for monohulls shall be followed as closely as possible

3.14.3 Spare number

3.14.4 Spare number

3.14.5 Spare number

3.14.6 Lifeline Specifications

a) Lifelines of stranded stainless steel wire

b) The minimum diameter is specified in table 8 below

c) Stainless steel lifelines shall be uncoated and used without close-fitting sleeving, however, temporary sleeving may be fitted provided it is regularly removed for inspection.

d) A lanyard of synthetic rope may be used to secure lifelines provided the gap it closes does not exceed 100 mm (4”). This lanyard shall be replaced annually

e) All components of the lifeline enclosure system shall have a breaking strength no less than the lifeline

f) When HMPE is used, it shall be protected from chafe and spliced in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommended procedures

Table 8

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<tr>
<th>LH</th>
<th>Wire Min. lifeline diameter</th>
<th>HMPE rope (Single braid) min. lifeline diameter</th>
<th>HMPE Core (Braid on braid) min. lifeline diameter</th>
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<td>under 8.5m (28’)</td>
<td>3mm (1/8”)</td>
<td>4mm (5/32”)</td>
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<td>8.5m - 13m</td>
<td>4mm (5/32”)</td>
<td>5mm (3/16”)</td>
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### 3.15 Multihull Nets or Trampolines

The words "net" and "trampoline" are interchangeable. A net shall be:

a) essentially horizontal

b) made from durable woven webbing, water permeable fabric, or mesh with openings not larger than 5 cm (2") in any dimension. Attachment points shall be planned to avoid chafe. The junction between a net and a boat shall present no risk of foot trapping.

c) solidly fixed at regular intervals on transverse and longitudinal support lines and shall be fine-stitched to a bolt rope.

d) able to carry the full weight of the crew either in normal working conditions at sea or in case of capsiz when the boat is inverted.

#### 3.15.2 Trimarans with Double Crossbeams

A trimaran with double crossbeams shall have nets on each side covering:

a) the area formed by the crossbeams, central hull and outriggers

b) the triangles formed by the aft end of the central pulpit, the mid-point of each forward crossbeam, and the intersection of the crossbeam and the central hull

c) the triangles formed by the aftermost part of the cockpit or steering position (whichever is furthest aft), the mid-point of each after crossbeam, and the intersection of the crossbeam and the central hull; except that:

OSR 3.15.2(c) is not a requirement when cockpit coamings and/or lifelines are present which comply with the minimum height requirements in OSR 3.14.

#### 3.15.3 Trimarans with Single Crossbeams

A trimaran with a single crossbeam shall have nets between the central hull and each outrigger on each side between two straight lines from the intersection of the crossbeam and the outrigger, respectively to the aft end of the pulpit on the central hull, and to the aftermost point of the cockpit or steering position on the central hull (whichever is furthest aft).

### 3.16 Catamarans

A catamaran shall have nets covering the area defined:

3.16.1 laterally by the hulls; and

3.16.2 longitudinally by transverse stations through the forestay base, and the aftermost point of the boom lying fore and aft. However, a catamaran with a central nacelle (non-immersed) may satisfy the regulations for a trimaran.

### 3.17 Toe Rail or Foot - Stop

Permanently installed toe rail of minimum height 25 mm (1"), located as close as practicable to the stanchion bases, around the foredeck from abreast the mast.

### 3.18 Toilet

Permanently installed toilet or fitted bucket.

### 3.19 Bunks

Permanently installed bunk for each crewmember.

### 3.20 Cooking Facilities

Permanently installed cooking stove, capable of being operated safely at sea, with fuel shutoff control.

### 3.21 Drinking Water Tanks & Drinking Water

#### 3.21.1 Drinking Water Tanks

- Permanently installed delivery pump and water tanks dividing the water supply into at least three compartments.
### 3.21.2 Drinking Water

- **a)** Permanently installed delivery pump and water tank(s)

### 3.21.3 Emergency Drinking Water

- **a)** At least 9 l (2.4 US Gal) of drinking water for emergency use in a dedicated and sealed container or container(s)
- **b)** In the absence of a power-driven watermaker, at least 1 l (0.26 US Gal) per person per day in at least two separate containers shall be provided for the expected duration of the voyage
- **c)** When a power-driven watermaker is on board, at least 500 ml (0.13 US Gal) per person per day in at least two separate containers shall be provided for the expected duration of the voyage
- **d)** Facilities shall be provided to collect rainwater for drinking purposes including when dismasted

### 3.22 Hand Holds

**Adequate hand holds fitted below deck**

### 3.23 Bilge Pumps and Buckets

**Two strong buckets, each with a lanyard and of at least 9 l (2.4 US Gal) capacity**

- **a)** Two permanently installed manual bilge pumps, one operable from above, the other from below deck
- **b)** One permanently installed manual bilge pump
- **c)** Provision to pump out all watertight compartments (except those filled with impermeable buoyancy).

**All required permanently installed bilge pumps shall be operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut and with permanently installed discharge pipe(s) of sufficient capacity**

**Bilge pumps shall not be connected to cockpit drains and shall not discharge into a Closed Cockpit**

**Bilge pumps shall be readily accessible for maintenance and for clearing out debris**

**All removable bilge pump handles retained by a lanyard**

### 3.24 Compass

- **a)** Marine magnetic compass capable of being used as a steering compass:
- **b)** Permanently installed marine magnetic steering compass, independent of any power supply, correctly adjusted with deviation card
- **c)** A second compass which may be hand-held and/or electronic

### 3.25 Halyards

**A minimum of two halyards, each capable of hoisting a sail, on each mast**

- **a)** No halyard shall be locked, lashed or otherwise secured to the mast in a way that requires a person to go aloft in order to lower a sail in a controlled manner, except for a headsail in use with a furling device.

### 3.26 Bow Fairlead

**Bow fairlead, closed or closable and a cleat or securing arrangement, suitable for towing, permanently installed**

### 3.27 Navigation Lights

- **a)** That conform to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Part C and Technical Annex I) and shall be exhibited as required by those regulations.
- **b)** Mounted above sheerline and so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the boat
- **c)** Reserve lights having the same specifications as above, and that can be
** 3.27.4 spare bulbs (not required for LED)

### 3.28 Engines, Generators, Fuel

#### 3.28.1 Propulsion Engines

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<td>MoMu0,1,2,3</td>
<td>a) engines and associated systems installed in accordance with their manufacturers’ guidelines and suitable for the size and intended use of the boat</td>
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<td>Mo0,1,2Mu0</td>
<td>b) an engine which provides a minimum speed in knots of ((1.8 \times \sqrt{\text{LWL}} \text{ in metres})) or ((\sqrt{\text{LWL}} \text{ in feet}))</td>
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<td>Mu1,2,3</td>
<td>c) inboard engine</td>
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<td>Mu3</td>
<td>c) inboard engine, however if less than 12.0 m (39’-4&quot;) LH either an inboard engine, or an outboard engine together with permanently installed power supply systems</td>
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<td>**</td>
<td>d) an inboard combustion engine shall have a permanently installed exhaust, cooling system, fuel supply, fuel tank(s) and shall have adequate heavy weather protection</td>
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<td>e) an inboard electrical engine, when fitted, shall be provided with a permanently installed power supply, adequate heavy weather protection and have an engine control system.</td>
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#### 3.28.2 Generator

** If an optional generator separate from the propulsion engine is carried, it shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines

#### 3.28.3 Liquid Fuel Systems

| MoMu0,1,2,3 | a) All fuel tanks for storage of liquid fuels shall be rigid (but may have permanently installed flexible linings) and shall have a shutoff valve |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | b) At the start a boat with a combustion engine shall carry sufficient fuel to meet charging requirements for the duration of the race and to motor at the above minimum speed for at least 5 hours |

#### 3.28.4 Battery Systems

| MoMu0,1,2,3 | a) a dedicated engine/generator starting battery when an electric starter is the only method for starting the engine and/or separate generator |
| ** | b) batteries installed after 2011 shall be of the sealed type from which liquid electrolyte cannot escape |
| ** | c) At the start a boat with an electric engine shall carry sufficient capacity to meet electrical requirements for the duration of the race and to motor at the above minimum speed for at least 5 hours |

#### 3.29 Communications Equipment, GPS, Radar, AIS

| MoMu0,1,2,3 | 3.29.1 a marine radio transceiver with an emergency antenna when the regular antenna depends upon the mast |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | 3.29.2 if the marine radio transceiver is a VHF: |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | a) a minimum rated output power of 25 W |
| MoMu0,1,2 | b) a masthead antenna not less than 38 cm (15") in length and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss |
| MoMu3 | b) a masthead antenna and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss |
| MoMu1,2,3 | c) be DSC capable if installed after 2015 |
| MoMu1,2,3 | d) DSC capable VHF transceivers shall be programmed with an assigned MMSI (unique to the boat), be connected to a GPS receiver and be capable of making distress alert calls as well as sending and receiving a DSC position report with another DSC equipped station |
| MoMu0 | e) a marine VHF DSC radio covering all international and US marine channels and meeting ITU class D |
| MoMu0 | 3.29.3 a) at least two hand-held satellite telephones, watertight or with waterproof covers and internal batteries. When not in use each to be stowed in a grab bag (see OSR 4.21) |

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| MoMu1  | 3.29.3 | One hand-held satellite telephone, watertight or with waterproof cover and internal battery. |
| MoMu0  | 3.29.4 | at least two hand-held marine VHF transceivers each with min 5 W output power, watertight or with waterproof covers. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag (see OSR 4.21) |
| MoMu1,2,3,4 | 3.29.5 | a hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag or emergency container (see OSR 4.21) |
| **  | 3.29.6 | a second radio receiver, which may be the handheld VHF in 3.29.5 above, capable of receiving weather bulletins |
| MoMu0  | 3.29.7 | a direction-finding radio receiver operating on 121.5 MHz to take a bearing on a PLB or EPIRB, or an alternative device for crew overboard location when each crew member has an appropriate personal unit (see OSR 4.22.1); |
| MoMu3  | 3.29.8 | a GPS |
| MoMu0  | 3.29.9 | a satellite device able to send and receive data and a tracking device shall be permanently installed and permanently powered up for the duration of the race and for which the race committee shall have polling authority. |
| MoMu0  | 3.29.10 | an MF/HF marine SSB transceiver (GMDSS/DSC) with at least 125 W transmitter power and frequency range from at least 1.6 to 29.9 MHz with permanently installed antenna and earth. |
| MoMu0  | 3.29.11 | an active radar set permanently installed either: |
| MoMu0  | a) | a pulse (magnetron) unit with not less than 4 kW PEP and an antenna unit with a maximum dimension not less than 533 mm; or |
| MoMu0  | b) | a frequency modulated continuous wave (FMCW) Broadband Radar™ unit. The radar antenna unit shall remain essentially horizontal when the boat is heeled and at least 7 m (23') above the water. Installations in place before January 2006 shall comply as closely as possible with OSR 3.29.11 a). |
| Mu0  | 3.29.12 | a class A AIS Transponder which either: |
| Mo0,1,2,3Mu1,2,3 | 3.29.13 | an AIS Transponder which either: |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | a) | shares the masthead VHF antenna via a low loss AIS antenna splitter; or |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | b) | has a dedicated AIS antenna not less than 38 cm (15") in length mounted with its base not less than 3 m (10') above the Waterline and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss |

### SECTION 4 - PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

| **  | 4.01 | **Sail Letters & Numbers** |
| **  | 4.01.1 | Identification on sails which complies with RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G |
| **  | 4.01.2 | An alternative means of displaying identification as required under RRS Appendix G for a mainsail, to be displayed when none of the numbered sails are set |
| MoMu0  | 4.02 | **Search and Rescue Visibility** |
| MoMu0  | 4.02.1 | A 4 m² (43 ft²) area of highly-visible pink, orange or yellow on the coachroof and/or deck |
| Mo1Mu1,2 | 4.02.1 | A 1 m² (11 ft²) solid area of highly-visible pink, orange or yellow capable of being displayed on the coachroof and/or deck. |
| Mu0,1,2,3,4 | 4.02.2 | A 1 m² (11 ft²) area of highly-visible pink, orange or yellow showing when the boat is inverted |
| **  | 4.03 | **Soft Wood Plugs** |
| **  | 4.04 | **Jackstays and Clipping Points** |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | 4.04.1 | Permanently Installed fittings for jackstay ends and clipping points |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | 4.04.2 | Jackstays which shall: |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | a) | enable a crewmember to move readily between the working areas on deck and the cockpit(s) with the minimum of clipping and unclipping operations |
| MoMu0,1,2,3 | b) | |
have a breaking strength of 2040 kg (4500#) and be uncoated and non-sleeved stainless steel 1 x 19 wire of minimum diameter 5 mm (3/16”), webbing or HMPE rope

Clipping points which shall:

a) be adjacent to stations such as the helm, sheet winches and masts, where crewmembers work
b) enable a crewmember to clip on before coming on deck and unclip after going below
c) enable two-thirds of the crew to be simultaneously clipped on without depending on jackstays
d) on a trimaran with a rudder on the outrigger, permit a crewmember to repair the steering mechanism whilst attached to a clipping point

4.05 Fire Fighting Equipment

4.05.1 A fire blanket adjacent to every cooking device

MoMu0 4.05.2 3 fire extinguishers, each with 2 kg of dry powder or equivalent, in different parts of the boat, one system of which is to deal with fire in a machinery space

MoMu1,2,3 4.05.2 2 fire extinguishers, each with 2 kg of dry powder or equivalent, in different parts of the boat

MoMu4 4.05.2 2 fire extinguishers in different parts of the boat

4.06 Anchors

MoMu0 4.06.1 Anchors, chain and rope which comply with relevant class rules or the rules of a recognised Classification Society (e.g. Lloyd’s, DNV, etc.)

MoMu1,2,3 4.06.2 2 un-modified anchors that meet the anchor manufacturer’s recommendation based on the boat’s dimensions with suitable combination of chain and rope, ready for immediate assembly, and ready for deployment within 5 minutes except that for a boat less than 8.5 m (28’) LH there shall be 1 anchor meeting the same criteria.

MoMu4 4.06.2 1 un-modified anchor that meets the anchor manufacturer’s recommendation based on the boat’s dimensions with suitable combination of chain and rope, ready for immediate assembly, and ready for deployment within 5 minutes.

4.07 Flashlights and Searchlights

Watertight lights with spare batteries and bulbs as follows:

MoMu0,1,2,3 a) a searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance

MoMu0,1,2,3 b) a flashlight in addition to 4.07 a)

Mu3,4 c) the watertight flashlight in OSR 4.07 b) shall be stowed in the grab bag or emergency container

MoMu0 d) a high-intensity heavy duty searchlight powered by the boat’s batteries, instantly available for use on deck and in the cockpit

4.08 First Aid Manual and First Aid Kit

A First Aid Manual and First Aid Kit. The contents and storage of the First Aid Kit shall reflect the likely conditions and duration of the passage, and the number of crew

4.09 Foghorn

A foghorn

4.10 Radar Reflector

4.10.1 A passive radar reflector with:

a) octahedral circular plates of minimum diameter 30 cm (12”), or

b) octahedral rectangular plates of minimum diagonal dimension 40 cm (16”), or

c) a non-octahedral reflector with a documented Root Mean Square minimum Radar Cross Section (RCS) area of 2 m² (22 ft²) from 0-360° of azimuth and ±20° of heel

MoMu0 4.10.2 A Radar Target Enhancer (RTE) which complies with ISO 8729-2:2009 or equivalent

4.11 Navigation Equipment

MoMu0,1,2,3 4.11.1 Navigational charts (not solely electronic), light list and chart plotting equipment
4.11.2 Navigational charts, light list and chart plotting equipment. If electronic-only, an independent alternative shall be on board.

4.12 **Safety Equipment Location Chart**
A safety equipment location diagram in durable waterproof material, clearly displayed in the main accommodation, marked with the location of principal items of safety equipment.

4.13 **Depth, Speed and Distance Instruments**
- A knotmeter or distance measuring instrument (log)
- Two independent depth sounders

4.14 **Spare Number**

4.15 **Emergency Steering**
- An emergency tiller capable of being fitted to the rudder stock except when
  - the principal method of steering is by means of an unbreakable metal tiller
  - there are two methods (e.g. tillers, wheels) of controlling a rudder, neither of which shares components with the other except for the rudder stock.
- A proven method of emergency steering with the rudder disabled

4.16 **Tools and Spare Parts**
- Tools and spare parts, suitable for the duration and nature of the passage
- An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat

4.17 **Boat’s name**
The boat’s name on miscellaneous buoyant equipment, such as lifejackets, cushions, lifebuoys, recovery slings, grab bags etc.

4.18 **Retro-reflective material**
Marine grade retro-reflective material on lifebuoys, recovery slings, liferafts and lifejackets

4.19 **EPIRBs**
- Two water and manually activated 406 MHz EPIRBs
- A water and manually activated 406 MHz EPIRB registered after 2015 shall include an internal GPS
- All EPIRBs registered with the appropriate authority associated with the country code in the hexadecimal identification (15 Hex ID) of the beacon. A beacon can be registered online with the Cospas-Sarsat IBRD if the country does not provide a registration facility and the country has allowed direct registration in the IBRD

4.20 **Liferafts**
4.20.1 **Liferaft Construction**
- One or more inflatable liferafts with a total capacity to accommodate at least the total number of people on board which complies with:
  - SOLAS LSA Code 1997 Chapter IV or later version; or
  - ISO 9650-1:2005, Type 1, Group A - Small Craft - Inflatable; or
  - ISAF liferafts manufactured before 2016 until replacement is due at end of service life; or
  - ORC liferafts manufactured before 2003 until replacement is due at end of service life
- A sufficient number of liferafts so that in the event of any one liferaft being lost or rendered unserviceable, sufficient aggregate capacity remains for all crewmembers
- Liferafts shall comply with SOLAS LSA code 1997 Chapter IV or later version

4.20.2 **Minimum Liferaft Equipment**
- A SOLAS liferaft shall contain as a minimum a SOLAS A pack;
- An ISO 9650 liferaft shall contain as a minimum Pack 1 (greater than 24 hour pack);
- An ISO 9650 liferaft shall contain as a minimum Pack 2 (less than 24 hour pack);
- The minimum contents of the ISO liferaft equipment packs are listed below.
Not all items are necessarily packed within the liferaft. Some items are permitted to be carried within an accompanying waterproof grab bag which shall be in a readily accessible location:

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<th>Equipment</th>
<th>Pack 1 &gt; 24h</th>
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<td>Portable buoyant baler easily operable by hand</td>
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<td>Sponge</td>
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<td>Pair of buoyant paddles with handles (not mitts) tied into raft adjacent to an entrance</td>
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<td>First-Aid Kit including at least 2 tubes of sunscreen. All dressings must be capable of being effectively used in wet conditions. The first aid kit shall be clearly marked and shall be re-sealable.</td>
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<td>Whistle</td>
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<td>Signalling mirror</td>
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<td>Red hand flares in accordance with SOLAS LSA Code Chapter III, 3.2</td>
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<td>Repair outfit to enable survivors to repair leaks in any or all of the inflatable compartments. Repair systems must work when wet and be capable of being applied during violent motion.</td>
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<td>Air pump or bellows which shall be simple, robust and complete, with all necessary connections (loose parts shall be captive to the main apparatus) ready for instant use to enable air to be pumped into any or all of the inflatable compartments. The air pump or bellows shall be designed and built specifically for easy operation by hand</td>
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<td>Drinking water per person, in containers of each not more than 500mL</td>
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<td>Food per person</td>
<td>10 000 kJ</td>
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³ Drinking water in the grab bag (if any) may be replaced with a desalinator device

**4.20.3 Liferaft Packing and Stowage**

a) Each liferaft shall be packed either in:
   i) a rigid container securely stowed on the working deck, in the cockpit or in an open space; or:
In a boat with primary launch before June 2001, a liferaft may be packed in a valise not exceeding 40 kg securely stowed below deck adjacent to a companionway.

On a multihull or on a monohull with moveable ballast the liferaft shall be readily deployable whether or not the boat is inverted.

Each raft shall be capable of being got to the lifelines or launched within 15 seconds.

A liferaft shall be serviced at a manufacturer authorized service station at the following maximum intervals:

- SOLAS liferafts annually
- ISO 9650 canister packed liferafts every 3 years
- ISO 9650 valise packed liferafts every 3 years except that hired liferafts shall be serviced annually
- ISAF liferafts annually
- ORC liferafts annually

Servicing certificates (original or a copy) on board.

Either a watertight compartment or a grab bag, readily accessible whether or not the boat is inverted, with the following minimum contents:

- A watertight hand-held marine VHF transceiver with spare batteries
- A watertight flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- 3 red hand flares
- A watertight strobe light with spare batteries
- A knife

If a grab bag is provided it shall have inherent flotation, at least 0.1 m² (1 ft²) area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the boat, and shall have a lanyard and clip.

A GPS capable of recording a crew overboard position, within 10 seconds, and monitoring that position, and connected to an emergency button immediately accessible to a helmsman which will sound an audible alarm in the accommodation and simultaneously send an appropriate signal to the GPS.

A GPS capable of recording a crew overboard position, within 10 seconds, and monitoring that position.

A lifebuoy with a self-igniting light, a whistle and a drogue within reach of the helmsman and ready for immediate use.

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In addition to 4.22.3 above, within reach of the helmsman and ready for
immediate use, a second lifebuoy equipped with:
a) a whistle, a drogue, a self-igniting light and
b) a pole and flag. The pole shall be either permanently extended or be capable of
being fully automatically extended
c) Each lifebuoy shall be equipped with a sachet of fluorescein dye

4.22.5 At least one lifebuoy shall depend entirely on permanent buoyancy (e.g. foam)

4.22.6 Each inflatable lifebuoy and any automatic device shall be tested and serviced
at intervals in accordance with its manufacturer's instructions

4.22.7 A heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15 - 25 m (50 - 75') long, readily accessible to cockpit

4.22.8 A recovery sling which includes a:
a) buoyant line of length no less than the shorter of 4 times LH or 36m (120')
b) buoyancy section (horseshoe) with no less than 90 N (20#) buoyancy
c) minimum strength capable to hoist a crewmember aboard

4.23 ** Pyrotechnic and Light Signals**

Pyrotechnic signals shall be provided conforming to SOLAS LSA Code Chapter
III Visual Signals and not older than the stamped expiry date (if any) or if no expiry date stamped, not older than 4 years.

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4.24 **Spare Number**

4.25 **Cockpit Knife**

A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.

4.26 **Storm & Heavy Weather Sail Inventory**

the following storm & heavy weather sails as specified in OSR 4.27:
a) a storm trysail (or rotating wing mast if suitable)
b) either a storm trysail or mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 50% (or rotating wing mast if suitable)
c) either a storm trysail or mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 40% (or rotating wing mast if suitable)
d) either mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by 12.5% or a heavy-weather jib (or rotating wing mast if suitable or heavy-weather sail in a boat with no forestay)
e) heavy weather jib
f) storm jib
**4.27 Storm & Heavy Weather Sail Specifications**

**4.27.1 Design**

Figure 3

** **

a) The material of the body of a storm sail purchased after 2013 shall have a highly-visible colour (e.g. dayglo pink, orange or yellow)

** **

b) Aromatic polyamides, carbon and similar fibres shall not be used in a trysail or storm jib but HMPE and similar materials are permitted

** **

c) Sheeting positions on deck for each storm and heavy-weather sail

** **

d) Sheeting positions for the trysail independent of the boom

** **

e) The maximum area of storm and heavy weather sails shall be lesser of the areas below or as specified by the boat designer or sailmaker

** **

f) For sails made after 2011: Storm and heavy weather jib areas calculated as:

\[(0.255 \times \text{luff length} \times (\text{luff perpendicular} + 2 \times \text{half width}))\]

**4.27.2 A storm trysail with:**

a) area not greater than 17.5% mainsail hoist (P) x mainsail foot length (E)

b) For sails made after 2011: The storm trysail area calculated as \((0.5 \times \text{leech length} \times \text{shortest distance between tack point and leech})\)

c) no headboard

d) no battens

e) sail number and letters on both sides, as large as practicable

f) in the case of a boat with an in-mast furling mainsail, the storm trysail shall be capable of being set while the mainsail is furled

**4.27.3 A heavy-weather jib (or heavy-weather sail in a boat with no forestay) with:**

a) area of 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared

b) readily available means, independent of a luff groove, to attach to the stay
4.27.4 A storm jib with:
   a) area of 5% (height of the foretriangle) squared
   b) maximum luff length 65% of height of foretriangle
   c) permanently attached means, independent of a luff groove, to attach to the stay

4.28 Drogue, Sea Anchor
A drogue for deployment over the stern, or a sea anchor or parachute anchor for deployment at the bow, complete with all necessary gear (see Appendix K)

4.29 Deck Bags
4.29.1 If permitted by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Class Rules, bags for storing sails on deck shall be:
   a) so constructed to ensure rapid draining of water
   b) securely fastened in such a way that the integrity of deck fittings e.g. stanchions and lifelines, is not compromised

4.30 Emergency Pumps
4.30.1 either fixed or portable pump to remove ingress water from any compartment. This pump shall:
   a) have a minimum rated capacity of 200 l/min
   b) be operated by battery, main engine power or a separate engine
   c) if portable electric-powered, power cables to be terminated with alligator clips
   d) have sufficient hose to discharge directly overboard or into the cockpit.
   e) A combination of permanently installed and portable pumps may be combined to meet the above requirement.

SECTION 5 - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT
Each crew member shall have:

5.01 Lifejacket
5.01.1 A lifejacket which shall:
   a) if manufactured before 2012 comply with ISO 12402-3 (Level 150) or equivalent, including EN 396 or UL 1180 and:
      • if inflatable have a gas inflation system
      • have crotch/thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS))
      • have an integral safety harness in compliance with OSR 5.02
      ii if manufactured after 2011 comply with ISO 12402-3 (Level 150) and be fitted with a whistle, lifting loop, reflective material automatic/manual gas inflation system
         • crotch/thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS))
         • an integral safety harness in compliance with OSR 5.02
   b) have an emergency position indicating light in accordance with either ISO 12402-8 or SOLAS LSA code 2.2.3
   c) be clearly marked with the boat’s or wearer’s name
   d) have a sprayhood in accordance with ISO 12402-8
   e) have a PLB unit (as with other types of EPIRB, should be properly registered with the appropriate authority)
   f) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention
5.01.2 A boat shall carry at least one gas inflatable lifejacket spare cylinder and, if appropriate, spare activation head for each type of lifejacket on board.
5.01.3 A boat shall carry at least one spare lifejacket as required in OSR 5.01.1, (a spare PLB described in 5.01.1(e) is not required)
5.01.4 The person in charge shall personally check each lifejacket at least once annually.

5.02 Safety Harness and Tethers
5.02.1 A harness that complies with ISO 12401 or equivalent
5.02.2 A tether that shall:
   a) comply with ISO 12401 or equivalent
   b) not exceed 2 m (6’-6") including the length of the hooks
   c) have self-closing hooks
MoMu0,1,2,3  
d) have overload indicator flag embedded in the stitching  
e) be manufactured after 2000  
MoMu0,1,2,3  
5.02.3 All of the crew shall have either:  
a) a tether not exceeding 1m (3’3”) including the length of the hooks, or  
b) an intermediate self-closing hook on a 2 m (6’6”) tether  
MoMu0  
5.02.4 a boat shall carry spare harnesses and tethers as required in OSR 5.02 above sufficient for at least 10% of the crewmembers (minimum one unit)  
MoMu0,1,2,3  
5.02.5 A tether which has been overloaded shall be replaced  

5.03 Personal Location Lights  
MoMu0  
Two packs of miniflares or two personal location lights (either SOLAS or strobe): one to be attached to, or carried on, the person when on deck at night  

5.04 Foul Weather Suits  
MoMu0  
A foul weather suit with hood  

5.05 Knife  
MoMu0  
A knife, to be worn on the person at all times  

5.06 Flashlight  
MoMu0  
A buoyant watertight flashlight  

5.07 Survival Equipment  
MoMu0  
an immersion suit (attention is drawn to EN ISO 15027-1 constant wear suits, and EN ISO 15027-2 abandonment suits and the LSA Code Chapter II, 2,3);  

5.08 Diving Equipment  
MoMu0  
The boat shall have at least two diving suits each to cover the entire body and including gloves, fins and portable air supplies  

SECTION 6 - TRAINING  
MoMu0  
6.01.1 Every member of a crew including the Person in Charge shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in OSR 6.02 Training Topics  
MoMu1,2  
6.01.2 At least 30% but not fewer than two members of a crew, including the Person in Charge shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in OSR 6.02 Training Topics  
MoMu3  
6.01.3 When there are only two crewmembers, at least one shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in OSR 6.02 Training Topics  
MoMu0,1,2  
6.01.4 Except as otherwise provided in the Notice of Race, an in-date certificate gained at a World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Training course shall be accepted by a race organizing authority as evidence of compliance with Special Regulation 6.01. See Appendix G - Model Training Course, for further details.  

6.02 Training Topics  
6.02.1 Giving Assistance to Other Craft  
6.02.2 Personal Safety Gear, theory and practice  
6.02.3 Care and Maintenance of Safety Gear  
6.02.4 Fire Precautions and Firefighting, theory and practical  
6.02.5 Crew Overboard Identification and Recovery  
6.02.6 Hypothermia, Cold Shock and Drowning  
6.02.7 Crew Health  
6.02.8 Marine Weather  
6.02.9 Heavy Weather  
6.02.10 Storm Sails  
6.02.11 Damage Control  
6.02.12 Search and Rescue Organization  
6.02.13 Pyrotechnics and Signalling Gear, theory and practical  
6.02.14 Emergency Communications, theory and practical  
6.02.15 Liferafts and Abandon Ship, theory and practical  
6.03 Spare Number
** 6.04 ** 
Routine Training On-Board  
At least annually the crews shall practice the drills for:  
** a) ** Crew-Overboard Recovery  
** b) ** Abandonment of vessel  

** 6.05 ** 
Medical Training  
MoMu0 6.05.1 At least one crewmember shall have a valid STCW A-VI/4-2 (Proficiency In Medical Care) certificate or equivalent  
MoMu1 6.05.2 In addition to 6.05.1 another crewmember shall have a valid first aid certificate completed within the last five years meeting:  
MoMu2 6.05.2 At least two crewmembers shall have a valid first aid certificate completed within the last five years meeting:  
MoMu0,1,2 6.05.2 A certificate listed on the World Sailing website www.sailing.org/specialregs or www.sailing.org/classesandequipment/offshore/osr_recognized_first_aid_credentials.php of MNA recognised courses  
MoMu0,1,2 6.05.2 b) STCW First Aid Training complying with A-VI/1-3 - Elementary First Aid or higher STCW level  
MoMu3,4 6.05.3 At least one member of the crew shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems  

** 6.06 ** 
Diving Training  
MoMu0 6.06.1 At least 30% of the crew shall have received appropriate diving training to enable them to carry out basic repairs underwater and to provide assistance if necessary in recovery of a crew overboard  

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APPENDIX A
Moveable and Variable Ballast

Notwithstanding the maximum length limit of 24m in the standard, this Appendix invokes International Standard ISO 12217-2, Small craft – Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization – Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6m. The functions KFR (Knockdown Recovery Factor) and FIR (Inversion Recovery Factor) are defined in ISO 12217-2, except as modified by this Appendix. This Appendix applies to Monohull boats only. Unless specifically stated, a requirement applies to Special Regulations Categories 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4. This Appendix does not apply to boats racing under the Category for Inshore Racing.

1 Stability

1.1 Boat Condition
In the calculation of stability data:
(a) Deck and other enclosed volume above the sheerline and cockpit volume shall be taken into account.
(b) Mass shall be taken as Minimum Operating Mass as defined by ISO 12217-2, paragraph 3.5.3.

1.2 General Standards
In the assessment of ISO category for boats fitted with moveable and/or variable ballast, ISO 12217-2, paragraph 6.1.4 b) shall not apply. Boats shall comply with paragraphs 6.2.3, 6.3.1 and 6.4. Calculations shall be for the ballast condition that results in the most adverse result when considering each individual stability requirement. ISO 12217-2 Annex C, paragraph C.3.3, first sentence, the word ‘may’ is replaced with ‘shall’. ISO 12217-2 Annex C, paragraph C.3.4 shall not be used in the calculation of righting lever.

1.3 Knockdown Recovery
Boats with moveable/variable ballast shall comply with the following minimum values of Knockdown Recovery Factor (FKR) calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2 paragraph 6.4.4 with the modification that the reference to ISO 8666 paragraph 5.5.2 changed to incorporate actual mainsail area and centre of effort. The lesser of FKR_{90} and FKR_{-90} shall be used:

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Boats with age date prior to 11/04 may seek dispensation from this section 1.3 by application to World Sailing.

1.4 Capsize Recovery

For boats racing under Special Regulations Category 0, Regulation 3.04.1 is modified to read:

3.04.1 Either with, or without, reasonable intervention from the crew, a boat shall be capable of self-righting from an inverted position. Self righting shall be achievable whether or not the rig is intact. Boats with moveable/variable ballast shall comply with this requirement in flat water using manual power only and shall demonstrate that any equipment to be used in re-righting the boat is ready for use at all times and will function and is useable by the crew with the boat inverted. Re-righting the boat shall not require flooding any part of the boat.

Boats with moveable/variable ballast shall comply with the following minimum values of Inversion Recovery Factor (FIR) calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2:

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Boats with age date prior to 11/04 may seek dispensation from this section 1.4 by application to World Sailing.
APPENDIX B
SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore racing

Special Regulations for inshore racing are intended for use in short races, close to shore in relatively warm and protected waters where adequate shelter and/or effective rescue is available all along the course, held in daylight only.

Part A Basic

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<td>1.02.1</td>
<td>Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.</td>
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<td>2.04.1</td>
<td>All equipment required by OSR shall:</td>
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<td>function properly</td>
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<td>be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced</td>
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<td>c)</td>
<td>if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing</td>
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<td>when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised</td>
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<td>e)</td>
<td>be readily accessible</td>
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<td>f)</td>
<td>be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.</td>
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3.02 Watertight and Structural Integrity of a Boat
A boat shall be essentially watertight and all openings shall be capable of being immediately secured. Centreboard, daggerboard trunks and the like shall not open into the interior of a hull except via a watertight maintenance hatch with the opening entirely above the Waterline.

Part B Portable Equipment
A boat shall have:

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<td>one strong bucket with a lanyard and of at least 9 litres (2.4 US Gal) capacity</td>
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<td>one compass (a hand-held is acceptable)</td>
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<td>one fire extinguisher required if electrical system, engine or stove on board</td>
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<td>one anchor</td>
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<td>A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be provided readily accessible from the deck or a cockpit.</td>
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Each crewmember shall have:

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<td>A personal flotation device which shall: (a) be equipped with a whistle (b) clearly marked with the boat’s or wearer's name (c) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention Unless otherwise specified by a boat’s applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious man face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface.</td>
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APPENDIX C
SPECIAL REGULATIONS
for inshore dinghy racing

Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing are intended for use in races where:-

- participating boats may not be self-sufficient
- the races are short in duration and close to a single manned shore base, in relatively warm and protected waters, in daylight and good visibility
- participating boats can be observed by race organisers at all times
- safety/rescue boats are available all along the course sufficient to enable any competitor to be returned to the shore base in a timely manner
- safety/rescue boats are of a suitable design and properly equipped and are manned by adequately trained and competent personnel including, for each race, at least one skilled in first aid

That the Requirements for Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing are:-

Unless otherwise prescribed in Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions, where class rules include items of safety such rules shall override the corresponding part of these Regulation.

All equipment required by Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing shall:

- function properly
- be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
- when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- be readily accessible
- be of a type, size and capacity suitable and adequate for the intended use and size of the boat.

All boats sailing under Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing shall be fitted with:

- A strong point for the attachment of a tow and/or anchor line.

All boats sailing under Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing shall carry:
• A personal flotation device (PFD) for each person aboard to ISO 12402-5 -Level 50 or equivalent
• A knife
• If the hull is not self-draining or is able to carry more than 150 litres of free water, a bucket or bailer of not less than 1 litre capacity
• If a trapeze harness is carried it shall be to ISO 10862
• A paddle or means of propelling the boat when not under sail
APPENDIX D
A Guide to ISO and other standards

Application and Development Policy

Whenever possible a relevant ISO Standard, CEN Norm, SOLAS regulation or other internationally-recognised standard is called up by OSR. Changes and developments in international standards are reviewed by the Special Regulations Sub-committee and may replace part of Special Regulations. Significant changes will when possible affect new boats and/or new equipment only.

ISO

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization is a world-wide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO Technical Committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a Technical Committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organisations governmental and non-governmental, including eg World Sailing, take part in the work. Copies of International Standards may be obtained from a national standards body.

The following International Standards (or Draft Standards) are mentioned in Special Regulations:-

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ABS

ABS Guide for Building and Classing Offshore Yachts. This Guide to scantlings (construction standards) was originally published by ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) in co-operation with the Offshore Racing Council.

RCD
The RCD (Recreational Craft Directive) is published with the authority of the EC under which “notified bodies” may approve construction standards of boats which may then be entitled to display a CE mark permitting sale in the EC (see OSR 3.03).

SOLAS

The SOLAS (Safety of Life At Sea) Convention is published by IMO (International Maritime Organisation) at which World Sailing has Consultative Status. SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 3, 10 refers to the LSA (Life Saving Appliances) Code (published as a separate booklet) to which OSR makes the following references:-
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APPENDIX E
World Sailing Code for the Organisation of Oceanic Races

An Oceanic Race is defined as any Offshore race over 800 miles.

1. Organisers of Oceanic Races should consult with the **SAR (Search and Rescue) authorities** through whose areas a race is proposed to pass. Topics to be considered should among others be:
   - Mutual responsibilities
   - Resources
   - Satellite communications coverage
   - Position reporting systems
   - Safety equipment on board
   - Lessons learned from recent events
   - Exchange of communication addresses, phone numbers etc

2. A **Risk Analysis** should be made, covering topics like:
   - Meteorological conditions (icebergs, major currents, fogbanks, eddies etc)
   - Commercial traffic, separation zones etc
   - Stability requirements
   - SAR assets and coverage
   - Piracy and other security matters etc

3. **Environmental aspects** as wild life protective zones should be considered.

4. A **Notice to Mariners** about the race should be produced, usually in cooperation with the organizers national authorities.

5. An **Organization Chart** shall be established with key appointments like the Race Director (when applicable), Chairman of the Race Committee, Principal Race Officer, Safety Officers, Medical Officer, media personnel etc.

6. The Race Organizer should from the participating boats require:
   - Crew lists with names, nationalities, contact details, PLB data and telephone numbers to next of kin
   - For all boats all data that is registered for radio and data communications like call signs, Maritime Mobile Service Identity(MMSI), EPIRBs etc
   - Boat details and descriptions (including electronic pictures)
   - Owners/Helmsman declaration regarding liability
7. A **Race Control Centre** should be organized with Duty Officer 24/7. The watch roster should include relevant means to reinforce the working capacity. It may be appropriate to arrange a training course for the duty officers before the race, including potential incident scenarios. A visit for skippers and navigators to the Race Control Centre may be arranged before the start of major long races, if possible also to appropriate Maritime Rescue Co-Ordination Centres (MRCC).

At the Race Control Centre a Log Book should be maintained. A format for daily situation reports (sitreps) should be developed. A Voice recorder should be available to record radio communications and crisis management.

8. A **Safety Information Package** about the race, boat descriptions and details (including electronic pictures), safety equipment, radio communication and medical resources, key personnel at the Race Control etc should be distributed to participating boats as well as the appropriate MRCC’s.

9. A **Crisis Management Group** should be organized with the Chairman of the Race Committee, the Safety officer, Medical officer and others as relevant. The team should include media and legal representatives from the organizing body.

10. A **Crisis Support Group** with psychologists, medical and clerical personnel should be available for major incidents, both for immediate support to crews and dependants as well as for crew debriefings at later stages. This may be arranged by the Race Committee or the authorities controlling the area.

11. There may occur incidents that are significant, but still not that serious that MRCC and SAR units will get engaged. For such incidents the Race Organizer should consider to maintain a network of contacts and resources across the racing area to be able to support with towing, transport of equipment etc.

12. The organizer shall produce a **Safety Contingency Plan**, including typical series of actions at accidents as derived from the Risk Analysis. One topic to be covered is when and how to contact dependants, sponsors etc at various stages of lost contact, requests for assistance or emergency calls.
13. All boats shall be equipped to standards which at least comply with the relevant level of Special Regulations as adopted by World Sailing. Additional requirements may be prescribed, like additional radio and medical equipment.

14. In accordance with Special Regulations, an adequate number of crew members on each boat shall have **Survival Training**. Apart from the basic requirements for World Sailing Personal Survival Course as stipulated in Special Regulations Appendix G, the Race organizer can also prescribe:
   - What level of sailing together in the actual boat that may be required
   - Which practical training sequences that shall be required to by the crew to be performed, like MOB drills, helicopter evacuations etc.

15. A **Safety Check** should be performed before the start, it should include:
   - Safety equipment
   - Appropriate certificates for radio and satellite communication equipment
   - Check of individual and collective training
   - Endurance capacity and redundancy of capabilities characteristic for oceanic races like water provision, medical training etc

The full responsibility for safety however always remains with the Person in Charge.

16. A **Positioning Reporting system** should be available, linked to the official race webpage.

17. **Meteorological services** may be allowed to be downloaded from public meteorological centres or may be centrally provided from the Race Organizer to reduce satcom costs.

18. Races shall be conducted in compliance with the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing and the COLREGS, whenever it is appropriate for these rules and regulations to be applied. Special attention should be given to traffic separation zones and to give way to commercial traffic.

19. A race organizer when appropriate should, in addition to supplying the relevant SAR authorities of the event, also supply:
   - a **Telemedical Service Assistance Service (TMAS)** or inform a TMAS that the organizers have available on demand the following;
   - for each boat:
     - a list of medicines and medical equipment
     - details of any TMAS or private medical service arranged by the boat
     - for each crew member:
• name and contact details of physician who certified the crew members fit for entry (when applicable)
• name and contact details of the crew members home physician
• methods for gaining quick access to medical records if necessary
• details of first aid and medical training received

20. The **Notice of Race** may include:
   • Insurance requirements
   • Which individual and collective training that is required
   • What meteorological data and forecasts that will be allowed
   • Other matters as appropriate

21. The **Sailing Instructions** may include instructions:
   • To continuously monitor VHF Channel 16
   • To have the AIS active at all times or to activate the AIS in reduced visibility and passages with extensive commercial traffic
   • For any other safety matters as appropriate

22. A **Lessons Learned meeting** about safety issues should be arranged after the race.
Standard inspection cards for each category can be found on the World Sailing website.

TRAINING
Model Training Course Offshore Personal Safety

With acknowledgements to IMO (International Maritime Organisation), Australian Sailing, RYA (Royal Yachting Association) and US Sailing whose publications have been consulted in the preparation of Appendix G. A possible model course follows.

INTRODUCTION

1 Purpose of the model course: to provide an example of training under World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation Section 6. The model course is not the only means of providing such training. Other courses satisfying the needs of Section 6 may apply to the appropriate MNA for World Sailing Approval (see Introduction paragraph 6). The MNA is vested with the authority to decide which courses meet the requirements and which do not.

2 Use of the model course. The course should be adjusted to address the experience and knowledge of the trainees. In addition to offshore sailing experience, trainees should be familiar with the topics in OSR Special Regulations 6.02. A trainee with particular, suitably documented skills may be excused from that part of the course, e.g. professional medical knowledge.

3 Presentation. Particular presentations may need repeating until the instructor is satisfied that the trainees understand each topic.

4 Evaluation. The final activities on each day are exercises/exams to test the attendees’ knowledge. A score of 70% in each of the marked units, plus the instructors’ continuous assessments, will provide an overall evaluation.

5 Structure of the model course:

Part A describes the course framework, including suggestions for teaching facilities and equipment.
Part B provides a sample outline of lectures and hands-on sessions with suggested timetable, which should be adjusted to ensure trainees achieve proficiency in the required skills.
Part C describes a possible syllabus, including learning objectives. For more detail on a suggested model course, see the website link shown above.
6 World Sailing Approved Training Courses and Trainee Certification.

6.1.1 The status of “World Sailing Approved” together with authority to use the World Sailing logo may only be awarded to a training course by a World Sailing MNA (Member National Authority), which must be satisfied that the course delivers training as required by OSR Special Regulation Section 6.01 and 6.02.

6.1.2 A grant of approved status requires the MNA to ensure the course provider delivers appropriate training and the MNA must remove such approved status if and when it judges this necessary.

6.2.1 It is not necessary for a training course to follow the Appendix G Model Training Course in order to be approved as in 6.1 above, but the course must deliver the training required by Special Regulation 6.02.

6.2.2 An MNA which lacks experience in offshore training or which, for other reasons, needs or desires advice should contact the World Sailing Secretariat – Offshore and Technical Department.

6.3 A sailor holding an in-date “pass” certificate (each has a validity of 5 years) from a World Sailing Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course shall be accepted by a race organiser as having complied with the requirements of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 6.01 and 6.02.

6.4 “Pass” certificates issued at a World Sailing Approved course shall carry the statement “World Sailing Approved Offshore Personal Survival Course” and may carry the World Sailing logo.

6.5 Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race, it is not mandatory that a training course for compliance with SR 6.01 and 6.02 is “ISAF/World Sailing Approved,” however this status is encouraged wherever possible.

Part A Framework

A1 Class Size: While the class size for the lecture sections of the curriculum may be larger, the maximum recommended group size for hands-on training is twenty (20) with smaller sub-groups as needed for effective communication of specific lessons.

A2 Instructors should have:
  • wide experience with offshore sailing including in severe weather
• thorough knowledge of the course material and the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations
• a sound understanding of teaching methods
• a current ISAF/World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Course pass certificate
• experience with liferaft and lifejacket use for in-water training

A3 Facilities and equipment
A 3.1 A classroom with desks or tables and chairs should allow movement of the furniture to create a variety of room arrangements. Ideally, extra rooms will allow the class to split into smaller work groups

A 3.2 The main room should have equipment suitable for all audio-visual presentations positioned appropriately and wired safely.

A 3.3 Group rooms should include table, chairs, display board and writing materials for instructors and trainees.

A 3.4 A warm-water swimming pool, deep enough to float everyone, is most suitable for demonstration/training with lifejackets and liferafts and must include all appropriate safety equipment, personnel and facilities.

A 3.5 An outdoor location with proper safety equipment, personnel and facilities is required for demonstration and training with pyrotechnics and fire extinguishers.

A4 Reference and Display Material
To be modified appropriately by course providers for their own geographic areas.

A 4.1 For the Instructors to understand and have available to trainees in the classroom:
• World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations
• World Sailing RRS (The Racing Rules of Sailing)
• COLREGS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea)
• Appropriate Notices to Mariners

A 4.2 Recommended further study, books on material such as:
• The Offshore Special Regulations Handbook by Alan Green
(Adlard Coles)
• The Grab Bag Book (F & M Howorth, Adlard Coles)
• Instant Weather Forecasting (A Watts, Adlard Coles)
• Heavy Weather Sailing (A Coles & P Bruce, Adlard Coles)
• Essentials of Sea Survival (F Golden and M Tipton, Human Kinetics)

Part C Suggested Course Outline

Introduction: Explanation of assessment required for ISAF/World Sailing certificate; OSR overview (structural design requirements, vessel portable safety equipment, personal safety equipment, training both in formal sessions and on-board practice); Responsibility of the person in charge (leadership); Responsibility of each crew member for his/her own safety as well as the safety of the vessel and other crew (situational awareness); Importance of crew briefings and displayed stowage chart; Safety ethos

Session 1 - Giving Assistance to Other Craft
Learning Objectives: Laws that cover providing assistance; Moral imperative; Responding to a distress call; Assessing whether you can help; Stages of a typical rescue; Types of assistance you can provide; Maneuvering close to a sinking vessel; Tactics if the other vessel is on fire; Towing and being towed.

Session 2 - Personal Safety Gear, Theory and Practice
Learning Objectives: Life jacket performance factors; Life jacket classification systems; Pros and cons of different inflation systems; Maintaining inflatable life jackets; Using harnesses, tethers, and jack lines/stays; Personal signalling devices.

Session 3 – Care and Maintenance of Safety Gear
Learning Objectives: Pre-departure and under-way inspections; Vessel systems; Safety gear preparation and maintenance; Crew overboard equipment maintenance.

Session 4 – Fire Precautions and Firefighting, theory and practical
Learning Objectives: Common causes of on-board fire; Classes of fires; Fire prevention; LPG (Propane) and alcohol stoves; Extinguisher types and regulations; Firefighting techniques.

Session 5 – Crew Overboard Prevention and Recovery
Learning Objectives: Crew overboard (COB) prevention; Challenges of COB rescue; What a Person in the Water (PIW) can do; Maneuvers to return to the PIW; Dangers of the vessel's proximity to the PIW; Getting the
PIW back on board; Using COB beacons to signal for help; Techniques for high-performance, fully-crewed boats.

**Session 6 – Hypothermia, Cold Shock and Drowning**
Learning Objectives: Human thermoregulation; Causes of hypothermia; Phases of cold water immersion; Survival in cold water; Classifications of cold exposure; Assessment, care, and treatment; Drowning.

**Session 7 – Crew Health**
Learning Objectives: Crew responsibility; Contagious diseases; Dehydration; Caloric depletion, low blood sugar; Seasickness; Sprains and strains; Wound management, infection; Burns; Sun injury; Head trauma; Heart attack; Shock; Anaphylactic shock.

**Session 8 – Marine Weather**
Learning Objectives: Global weather systems; Weather maps; Lows; Squalls and thunderstorms; Thermals; Storm avoidance; Weather forecast models and sources; Wave Dynamics – Wave development, Significant Wave Height (SWH) definition, Unusual waves, currents, and seamounts, Effects of shoaling and lee shores.

**Session 9 – Heavy Weather**
Learning Objectives: Preparation & evaluation of boat and crew; On-deck safety; Securing the vessel; Preparing the galley; Being a responsible shipmate; Adjusting the plan; Sea state; Heavy weather techniques; Storm tactics; Seeking shelter; After the storm.

**Session 10 – Storm Sails**
Learning Objectives: Depowering the rig; Reducing sail; Mast support; Reefing the main; Rigging and setting storm headsails and storm trysails.

**Session 11 – Damage Control**
Learning Objectives: Priorities of damage control; Question of abandoning the boat; Types of damage and breakdowns; Tools and spares; Short-term fixes; Damage control examples; Grounding hazards and consequences.

**Session 12 – Search and Rescue Organization**
Learning Objectives: When and how to ask for help; Local Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) organization and assets; Commercial ships (AMVER); Transferring to a ship; Helicopter evacuation; Meeting the RCC halfway
Session 13 – Pyrotechnics and Signalling Gear, theory & practical
Learning Objectives: Sound signals; Lights; Visual signals; Pyrotechnic pointers;Deploying flares safely.

Session 14 – Emergency Communications, theory & practical
Learning Objectives: Emergency procedure words; Marine communication options; Making a Mayday call; VHF s and antennas; Know local VHF channels; Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and AIS; GMDSS and why it is important; Crew overboard alarms; Cellular telephone vs VHF; EPIRBs; Single sideband; Satellite data and voice systems.

Session 15 – Liferafts and Abandon Ship, theory & practical
Learning Objectives: Life raft categories; International standards; Valise or canister; Servicing your raft; Emergency packs; Raft storage; Grab or “Ditch” bags; When to launch; Life raft stability; Boarding the raft; Righting after a capsize; Maximizing your chance of survival on-board the raft.

End of each day Evaluations/Exams:
Instructor to facilitate small group discussions of challenging scenarios, which require crucial decision-making, with solutions shared among the entire class and/or administer written exam(s) comprising about 15 minutes of multiple choice questions, plus 2 short essays/listings with 5 minutes for marking after swapping the papers amongst the class. Overall assessment for the course will be a combination of the discussions/exams plus the instructor’s overall assessment during both theory and practical sessions.
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Part D - Guidelines for an Offshore Personal Survival Refresher Course

For sailors whose certificates have expired, a refresher training course of about 8 hours training may be arranged. It should contain these sessions:

**Session 1 (1 hr)** Update on recent changes in Offshore Special Regulations, national relevant documents or any other changes of importance

**Session 2 (1 hr)** Update on new safety equipment

**Session 3 (1 hr)** Update on recent lessons learned from fatal accidents and incidents in offshore races

**Session 4 (1 hr)** Update on national/regional changes in Maritime Search and Rescue organisations, resources, locations etc as well as in relevant meteorological services

**Session 5 (2 hrs)** In water training with life vests, liferafts, lifeslings etc

**Session 6 (1½ hrs)** Medical and/or fire-fighting training as appropriate regarding national regulations.

**Session 7 (½ hr)** Written exam

Detailed contents are to be developed by the appropriate Member National Authority. After the course has been passed with accepted written exam, a new certificate for another five year period may be issued.
APPENDIX H
MEDICAL TRAINING
Model Training Course for an “OSR Compliant First Aid Course”

Part 1 – Introduction
1 General
Below is the framework for an MNA to establish a minimum First Aid training course suitable for offshore racing.

2 Target
The target of this course is to provide the Person in Charge of an offshore racing boat with a crew member that is capable of taking care of common injuries and illnesses on board, as well as to take charge of the immediate medical actions at a major incident on board. Furthermore to advise the Person in Charge when a request for outside assistance is needed, as well as to advise when to retire from the race and proceed to nearest harbour.

3 Use of the model course.
Instructors should have a knowledge of the unique situation of offshore sailing in terms of delivering medical care. It is suggested that instructors be suitably trained and ideally a medical doctor, paramedics or nurse.

For an MNA wanting to establish a course without the specialist knowledge to correctly train and administer instructors it is suggested that they approach a suitable training partner. Training partners could be STCW training centres or land based first aid training providers who have personnel with suitable sailing experience but crucially an understanding of the liability issues. Should an MNA require advise please contact the World Sailing Secretariat – Technical and Offshore Department.

4 Evaluation. The final activities of the day should be an examination, which should be used together with instructors’ continuous assessments to provide an overall evaluation. The pass mark is to be taken as 70% in each of the marked/evaluated units.

5 Implementation Detailed requirements are given below. Thorough preparation is the key to successful implementation of the course.

6 Literature
The following books for further study are not endorsed by World Sailing but merely are books suitable for background reading:
- Medical Emergency Afloat
General First Aid

- First Aid Afloat (Dr Robert Haworth) ISBN 9780906754887
- Skipper's Medical Emergency Handbook (Author Dr Spike Briggs, Dr Campbell Mackenzie) ISBN 9780713689372
- Doctor on Board: A Guide To Dealing With Medical Emergencies (Author Jurgen Hauert) ISBN 9781408112724
- International Medical Guide for Ships, World Health Organisation, Geneva

Non-English Publications

- Pan Pan Medico A Bordo (http://www.panpan.it/)
- Le Guide de la medecine a distance, by Docteur J Y Chauve, published by Distance Assistance BP33 F-La Baule, cedex, France. An English translation is being planned.

Part 2 - Syllabus

The course is planned for 8 hours and includes following sessions;

Session 1 Introduction
1.0 Marine medical environment and characteristics
1.1 Literature

Session 2 First aid kits for the Special Regulations races categories
2.0 Cat 4 contents (recommendations)
2.1 Cat 2-3 contents (recommendations)
2.2 Cat 1-0 (if relevant)

Session 3 Tele medical communications
3.0 Support options (Medical advice services through official bodies)
3.1 Radio/Mobile phone options for support
3.2 Licences/certificates for VHF/HF radio communications

Session 4 First Aid – The basics
4.0 Basic anatomy/physiology
4.1 L-ABCDE (Scene safety, Airway and cervical spine control, Breathing, Circulation and bleeding, Disability, Expose and protect from the environment)
4.2 Stopping of serious external bleeding

**Session 5 Offshore accidents and actions onboard**
5.0 Typical accidents onboard (wounds, cuts, sprained wrist etc)
5.1 General illnesses, fatigue etc
5.2 Actions and treatment
5.3 Helicopter evacuation
5.4 Transfer of casualty to rescue vessel

**Session 6 Special offshore medical conditions**
6.0 Seasickness
6.1 Hypothermia (Person recovered from sea)
6.2 Dehydration
6.3 Brain concussion
6.4 Keeping the blood sugar level up (what to eat and drink)

**Session 7 Cardiac and respiratory arrest**
7.0 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
7.1 Artificial respiration
7.2 Use of Defibrillator

**Session 8 Systematic Accident management**
8.0 Damage and causality evaluation
8.1 Decisions and actions – when to call for outside assistance, when to retire and proceed to nearest harbour
8.2 Observation and treatment of patients

**Session 9 Psychology Treatment**
9.0 Human reactions in distress
9.1 Treatment of psychological breakdowns
9.2 Crisis group management
9.3 Debriefing procedures

**Session 10 Practical training**
10.0 CPR
10.1 Patient observations and treatment
10.2 Radio medical training
10.3 Decision making – When to call for assistance, when to retire?

**Session 11 Examination**
11.0 A questionnaire of 25 questions, requirement >70 % correct.
APPENDIX J
Hypothermia

WHAT IS IT?
A condition in which exposure to cold air and/or water lowers body core temperature. Death can result from too low a brain and heart temperature.

WHY BE CONCERNED?
Hypothermia, even mild cases, decreases crew efficiency and increases risk of costly accidents. **Proper planning against hypothermia can give a winning competitive edge.**

PREVENTION
- Wear warm clothing and a lifejacket/harness. Have proper foul-weather kit for all crew. Dry suits are excellent. Insulate all areas of the body, especially the high heat-loss areas: head, neck, armpits, sides of chest and groin. Keep warm and dry, but avoid sweating; wear layered clothes.
- Rotate watch frequently.
- Get plenty of rest, prevent fatigue.
- Eat and drink normally, *no alcohol*.
- Prevent dehydration; watch urine colour (drink more if colour becomes more intense).
- Avoid seasickness.
- Take into account special medical problems of crew members.
- Regularly train crew in Man Overboard recovery.
- Have two or more crew trained in CPR (Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation).

SURVIVAL IN COLD WATER (under 75°F, 25°C)
- **If boat is in trouble**, put on dry or survival suits if carried. Radio for help; give position, number of crew, injuries, boat description. Make visual distress signals. Stay below if possible. Remain aboard until sinking is inevitable.
- **If going overboard**, launch life raft and EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon). Take grab bag, visual distress signals and waterproof hand-held VHF. Get into raft, stay out of water as water conducts heat out of the body 20 times faster than air. Remain near boat if practicable.
- **If in the water**, crew should stay together near the boat. This makes everyone easier to find, helps morale. Enter life raft, keep dry suit or survival suit on if worn.
- **If not wearing dry suit or survival suit**, make sure you wear a lifejacket, keep clothes and shoes on for some insulation and flotation. Keep hat on to protect head. Get all or as much of body out of water as soon as possible – into raft or swamped boat or onto flotsam. Avoid swimming or treading water, which increases heat loss. Minimise
exposed body surface. A splashguard accessory on the lifejacket greatly improves resistance to swallowing seawater and also accommodates involuntary “gaspng” when plunged into cold water.

**WARNING**

- First aid for severe and critical hypothermia is to add heat to stabilise temperature only. Rapid re-warming, such as a hot shower or bath, may be fatal; it will, at least, cause complications. Allow body to re-warm itself slowly.
- Body core temperature lags behind skin temperature during re-warming. Keep victim protected for extended period after apparent full recovery or medical help arrives. *Many hours are required for full return to normal temperature even though victim says he has recovered.*
- Always assume hypothermia is present in all man overboard situations in which victim has been exposed for more than 10–15 minutes
- Victims may also be suffering from near drowning, thus needing oxygen. Observe for vomiting.
- In a helicopter rescue, protect victim – including the head – from rotor blast wind chill

**HYPOTHERMIA FIRST AID**

**ALL CASES**

- Keep victim horizontal
- Move victim to dry, shelter and warmth
- Allow to urinate from horizontal position
- Handle gently
- Remove wet clothes – cut off if necessary
- Apply mild heat (comfortable to your skin) to head, neck, chest and groin – use hot water bottles, warm moist towels
- Cover with blankets or sleeping bag; insulate from cold – including head and neck
- Report to Doctor by radio
HYPOTHERMIA FIRST AID

MILD CASES
- Primary task is to prevent further heat loss and allow body to re-warm itself
- Give warm, sweet drinks – no alcohol – no caffeine
- Apply mild heat source to stabilise temperature and/or
- Re-heat to point of perspiring
- Keep victim warm and horizontal for several hours

MODERATE CASES
- Same as above
- Offer sips of warm liquid only if victim is fully conscious and able to swallow without difficulty – no alcohol – no caffeine
- Have victim checked by doctor

SEVERE CASES
- Obtain medical advice as soon as possible using your radio
- Assist victim, but avoid jarring him – rough handling may cause cardiac arrest or ventricular fibrillation of heart
- No food or drink
- Observe for vomiting and be prepared to clear airway
- Ignore pleas of “Leave me alone, I’m OK” victim is in serious trouble – keep continuous watch over victim
- Lay victim down in bunk, wedge in place, elevate feet, keep immobile; no exercise
- Apply external mild heat to head, neck, chest and groin – keep temperature from dropping, but avoid too rapid a temperature rise

CRITICAL CASES
- Always assume the patient is revivable – hypothermic victims may look dead don’t give up – pulse very difficult to feel, breathing may have stopped
- Handle with extreme care
- Tilt the head back to open the airway – look, listen and feel for breathing and pulse for one to two full minutes
- If there is any breathing or pulse, no matter how faint or slow, do not give CPR, but keep a close watch on vital sign changes
- Stabilise temperature with available heat sources, such as naked chest to back warming by other crew member (leave legs alone)
- If no breathing or pulse for one or two minutes, begin CPR immediately. Do not give up until victim is thoroughly warm – alive or dead.
- Medical help imperative – hospitalisation needed
RANGES OF HYPOTHERMIA SYMPTOMS

MILD CONDITIONS (97-93°F, 36-34°C)
- Shivering, cold hands and feet
- Still alert and able to help self
- Numbness in limbs, loss of dexterity, clumsiness
- Pain from cold

MODERATE CONDITIONS (93-90°F, 34-32°C)
- Same as above
- Confusion, loss of time estimation and reasoning power

SEVERE CONDITIONS (90-82°F, 32-28°C)
- Shivering decreases or stops
- Further loss of reasoning and recall, confusion, abnormal behaviour.
- Victim appears drunk; very clumsy, slurs speech, denies problem and may resist help
- Unable to help themselves
- Victim semiconscious to unconscious
- Muscular rigidity increasing

CRITICAL CONDITIONS (82°F, 28°C and below)
- Unconscious, may look dead
- Little or no apparent breathing
- Pulse slow and weak, or no pulse found
- Skin cold, may be bluish-grey colour
- Very rigid

Note: Most physical symptoms vary with each individual and may be unreliable indicators of core body temperature. Only a low temperature rectal thermometer gives reliable core temperature (the mouth cools too rapidly). In general, as body temperature fails, symptoms will increase.

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APPENDIX K

Drogues and Sea Anchors

TERMINOLOGY
The term "drogue" generally means a device dragged from the stern of a vessel which continues to make steerage way through the water but at reduced speed. The term "sea anchor" generally means a device streamed from the bows of a vessel practically halted in the water by the action of the sea anchor.

LIFERAFTS
Every liferaft has a sea anchor supplied as part of its equipment. A sea anchor is critical to the safe use of a liferaft and dramatically reduces the chance of liferaft capsize. Its secondary function is to limit drift. A spare sea anchor may be carried in a grab bag. Sea anchors in liferafts should comply with ISO 17339 and the opportunity should be taken at service intervals to ensure this.

DROGUES ON SAILING BOATS
A number of research programmes have been conducted including one for the RORC by the Southampton University Wolfson Unit. In tests drogue deployment repeatedly prevented typical sailing boat forms from being slewed sideways and rolled in heavy breaking seas.

Deployment of a drogue over the stern means that heavy water will break over that part of the sailing boat, so all openings must be properly secured shut.

A “series-drogue” invented by Donald Jordan has the ability to continue to provide drag even if part of the device is “surfing” under a wave crest.
**SEA ANCHORS ON SAILING BOATS**

The most common form of sea anchor for sailing boats is the “parachute” anchor developed from aviation parachutes. Specialist manufacturers have accumulated much data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the device which can enable a vessel to take seas bows-on, reduce drift to the order of one knot, and resist capsize.

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**SAILMAKER’S DROGUE**  (Not to scale)

- Porous material possibly vinyl coated polyester
- Anti-tangle lines prevent drogue capsizing into its own shrouds
- Hard eyes
- Rode (anchor warp)
- Swivel
- 4mm dia. stiffening wire stitched into hem

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APPENDIX L

Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure

The model form is not the only means of meeting the needs of OSR 3.02.3 Evidence of Periodic Structural Inspection, Organizing Authorities may develop on-line forms.

Structural Inspection of a boat shall be completed by a qualified person both internally (may be in the water) and externally (out of the water). The purpose of this inspection is to identify and report to the Owner the condition of the keel and keel structure observed during this inspection. It is the responsibility of the Owner to undertake any repairs.

Consult the Owners' Manual for the specific boat, steering system and type of keel (e.g. fin, lifting, swinging, full length). Inspect in detail any high-load areas: keel attachment, keel floor, steering systems, rudder(s). Pay special attention to prior repairs, especially following groundings.

Internal Inspection: Check backing plates, bolting arrangements, sump area and keel floors for any signs of cracking, weakening, or de-laminated tabbing. Lead or lead alloy keels may require tightening of bolts to ISO standards due to lead creeping. Inspect keel bolt nuts for corrosion. Check bolt holes for “ovaling.” Visually inspect for possible de-bonding of the supporting structure.

External Inspection: Check there are no signs of stress cracks (not gelcoat cracks) around the keel attachments to hull, or movement or opening around the keel/hull interface which may allow water ingress and consequent keel bolt crevice corrosion. If in doubt, sand back bottom paint/gel coat to identify depth of crack. Check keel tip deflection to insure immediate return and no internal concomitant movement in the keel floor. Visually check high stress regions, particularly around the forward and aft hull attachment areas of the keel, for signs of paint or gelcoat cracking or large, deep blisters, which can indicate separation and structural weakness.

Rudder/Steering system: Check bearing area for any damage/stress cracks; check rudder shaft and blade integrity, especially at any shaft joins and at upper connections to hull/deck. Undertake a tip deflection test to identify any excessive movement. If applicable, check rudder straps and gudgeons for corrosion or cracking.

Lifting and swing keels: In addition to above, check there are no significant stress cracks in structure around pins supporting the keel. Check for extensive corrosion on pins, cylinders and supporting metal structure.
Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Form

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The following checks to be conducted externally with boat out of the water:

| External Hull Condition      | Check for hull stress cracks around leading and trailing edge attachment point to structure, hull appendages and keel sumps. Inspect keel/hull interface for signs of damage by tip deflection test. | |
| Rudder                      | Check for cracking of the rudder bearing/hull assembly. Inspect rudder for integrity by tip deflection test. | |

Declaration of Completed Inspection:

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This visual inspection has been conducted to observe and report on visually noticeable indications that may compromise the structural integrality of the vessel’s keel and rudder. It does not ensure that the vessel is seaworthy or that the Owner has repaired the identified problems.

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