

**REPORTING COMMITTEE - OFFSHORE
OTHER COMMITTEE -**

**Offshore Special Regulations
Storm & Heavy Weather Sails**

A submission from US Sailing

PROPOSAL:

Amend Special Regulation 4.26.6 as follows:

- a) a storm trysail capable of being sheeted independently of the boom and of area not greater than 17.5% mainsail luff length x mainsail foot length. It shall have neither headboard nor battens. However a storm trysail is not required in a yacht with a rotating wing mast which can adequately substitute for a trysail [MoMu0, 1, 2]
- b) the yacht's sail number and letter(s) placed on both sides of the trysail (or rotating wing mast if fitted) in as large a size as practicable [MoMu0, 1, 2]
- c) It is strongly recommended that a trysail track should enable the trysail to be hoisted quickly [MoMu0, 1, 2]

d) In case of yachts with in-mast furling mainsails, the storm trysail must be capable of being set while the mainsail is furled.

Proposed Effective Date for Amendment: 1/1/04.

CURRENT POSITION:

See above

REASON:

Normally a main on an external track or groove can be taken off at or near the foot of the mast, or the storm trysail can be put on above the stacked/stowed mainsail using a gate in the track or groove. In a storm, a boat with a stowaway mast must unfurl the mainsail entirely (from the reefed/rolled in position) before they can lower the main to free the track or groove for the installation of the storm trysail. This is considered an unsafe practice in heavy weather.

This proposal does not tell people how to accomplish this feat, people could choose to use mast hoops, a separate track mounted on their mast, or any other sound system. This resolves an ambiguity.