

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - Extract for Race Category 4 Multihulls

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SECTION 1 - FUNDAMENTAL AND DEFINITIONS

1.01 Purpose And Use

1.01.1 It is the purpose of these Special Regulations to establish uniform minimum equipment, accommodation and training standards for monohull and multihull yachts racing offshore. A Proa is excluded from these regulations.

1.01.2 These Special Regulations do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of governmental authority, the Racing Rules and the rules of Class Associations and Rating Systems. The attention of owners is called to restrictions in the Rules on the location and movement of equipment.

1.01.3 These Special Regulations, adopted internationally, are strongly recommended for use by all organisers of offshore races. Race Committees may select the category deemed most suitable for the type of race to be sailed.

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The Safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

1.03 Definitions, Abbreviations, Word Usage 1.03.1 Table 1. Definitions of Terms used in this document (below)

Age/Date	Month/year of first launch	Lifeline	wire line rigged as guardrail/guardline around the deck
AIS	Automatic Identification System	LOA	A Length overall not including pulpits, bowsprits, boomkins etc
CEN	Comite Europeen de Normalisation	LWL	(Length of) loaded waterline
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation	Monohull	Yacht in which the hull depth in any section does not decrease towards the centre-line
Coaming	includes the transverse after limit of the cock pit over which water would run in the event that when the yacht is floating level the cockpit is flooded or filled to overflowing.	Moveable Ballast	Lead or other material including water which has no practical function in the boat other than to increase weight and/or to influence stability and/or trim and which may be moved transversely but not varied in weight while a boat is racing.
DSC	Digital Selective Calling	ORC	Offshore Racing Congress (formerly Offshore Racing Council)
EN	European Norm	OSR	Offshore Special Regulation(s)
EPFS	Electronic Position-Fixing System	Permanently Installed	Means the item is effectively built-in by bolting, welding, glassing etc and may not be removed for or during racing
EPIRB	Electronic Position-Indicating Radio Beacon	PLB	Personal Locator Beacon
FA station	The transverse station at which the upper corner of the transom meets the sheerline.	Proa	Asymmetric catamaran
FICO	The International Association of Oceanic Race Organisers. (formerly Federation Internationale des Organisations de Courses Oceaniques)	RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
Foul-weather Suit	A foul weather suit is clothing designed to keep the wearer dry and maybe either a jacket and trousers worn together, or a single garment comprising jacket and trousers.	SAR	Search and Rescue
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress & Safety System	SART	Search and Rescue Transponder
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System	Series date	Month/year of first launch of the first yacht of the production series
IMO	International Maritime Organisation	SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea Convention
GPIRB	EPIRB, with integral GPS position-fixing	Safety line	A tether used to connect a safety harness to a strong point
ITU	International Telecommunications Union	Securely fastened	Held strongly in place by a method (eg. rope,lashings, wing-nuts) which will safely retain the fastened object in severe conditions including a 180 degrees capsize and allows for the item to be removed and replaced during racing
GPS	Global Positioning System	Static Ballast	Lead or other material including water which has no practical function in the boat other than to increase weight and/or to influence stability and/or trim and which may not be moved or varied in weight while a boat is racing.
Hatch	The term hatch includes the entire hatch assembly and also the lid or cover as part of that assembly (the part itself may be described as a hatch).	Static Safety line	A safety line (usually shorter than a safety line carried with a harness) securely fastened at a work station.
INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite Organization	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.
IMO	International Maritime Organisation		
IMSO	International Mobile Satellite Organisation (works closely with INMARSAT)		
ISAF	International Sailing Federation.		
ISO	International Standard or International Organization for Standardization.		