

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 3.03

Plan Review FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions



Note: These FAQs apply to new yachts that require a certificate of building plan review in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 3.03.

Question 1: I have a yacht that is greater than 24 metres in length with Age or Series Date on or after 1st January 2010. The Offshore Special Regulations state that the yacht shall have:

- Been designed and built in accordance with requirements as from time to time specified by World Sailing.
- Onboard, a certificate of plan review from an organisation recognised by World Sailing.

What are the requirements and what is the organisation?

Answer 1: This regulation is satisfied by using any one of the organizations that are is a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS). The current members and more information can be seen at www.iacs.org.uk. The Classification Society should then issue a certificate of plan review or classification certificate that shall be kept onboard as proof to race organisers.

Question 2: What does the term “Primary Launch date after 2009” actually mean?

Answer 2: These are definitions with in the Offshore Special Regulations. Primary Launch date is the month & year of first launch of the first boat of the production series or first launch of a non-series boat.

For example if a production series yacht has a was built and launched after 1 January 2010 but the first boat of the production series is before 2010 then the yacht simply has to comply with OSR Appendix L in accordance with OSR 3.03.4.

Question 3: I have an unusual appendage configuration or other structural feature not explicitly covered in the ISO12215 standard. How should this be reviewed?

Answer 3: Where applicable use the loadings and material properties prescribed in the ISO standard. If the required analysis method is outside the standard then the designer can provide their own calculations and the notified body can review these on a case by case basis.

Question 4: If a yacht has been shown to comply with the European Union (EU) Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) Category A by a notified body without specifically being designed in accordance with the requirements of ISO12215 would this be accepted by World Sailing for the OSR requirements?

Answer 4: No, for yachts that require a building plan review certificate the current plan review system does not cater for EU RCD yachts that have been designed and built under a standard other than ISO12215.

Question 5: If a certificate is revoked, how can it be re-instated?

Answer 5: If World Sailing or a World Sailing recognised organisation has requested the certificate be revoked for any reason (for example following a modification that has not undergone plan review) a further request from the same recognised organisation to World Sailing can be made to reinstate the certificate if they are satisfied the outstanding issues are resolved. Alternatively, a different recognised organisation can request a new certificate following a full review as per a new boat.

Question 6: If a boat is modified, do I need to update my certificate?

Answer 6: If a modification that impacts the parts of the boat that are required to be assessed under ISO 12215 Parts 5, 8 and 9, it needs to be reviewed. A certificate can be updated by the recognised organisation which requested the original certificate requesting an update from World Sailing. Alternatively, a different recognised organisation can request a new certificate following a full review as per a new boat. Modifications to series production certificate requires a full assessment and a new custom certificate.

Question 7: How long does it take to acquire a World Sailing Certificate of Plan Review?

Answer 7: It can take up to a week to produce a certificate from when the recognised organisation submits all the required information and makes payment to a certificate being generated. World Sailing does not guarantee a certificate will be issued in less than a week.