

Extract for Race Category 0 Multihulls

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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.

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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

Abbreviation	Description
#	Pound force (lbf)
ABS	American Bureau of Shipping
Age Date	Month/year of first launch
AIS	Automatic Identification Systems
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation
Coaming	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
COLREGS	International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
Contained Cockpit	A cockpit where the combined area open aft to the sea is less than 50% maximum cockpit depth x maximum cockpit width
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
Crewmember	Every person on board
DSC	Digital Selective Calling
EN	European Norm
EPIRB	Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon
ERS	World Sailing - Equipment Rules of Sailing
FA Station	The transverse station at which the upper corner of the transom meets the sheerline.
First Launch	Month & year of first launch of the individual boat

Foul-Weather Suit	Clothing designed to keep the wearer dry and may consist of one piece or several
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress & Safety System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
Hatch	The term hatch includes the entire hatch assembly including the lid or cover as part of that assembly
HMPE	High Modulus Polyethylene (Dyneema®/Spectra® or equivalent)
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IMSO	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
INMARSAT	Inmarsat Global Limited is a private company that provides GMDSS satellite distress and safety communications, plus general communications via voice, fax and data
ISAF	International Sailing Federation- (now World Sailing)
ISO	International Standard Organization or International Organization for Standardization.
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
Jackstay	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.
LH	Hull Length as defined by the ERS
Lifeline	Rope or wire line rigged as guardrail / guardline around the deck
LSA	IMO International Life-Saving Appliance Code
LWL	(Length of) loaded waterline
Monohull	A boat with one hull
Moveable Ballast	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
Multihull	A boat with more than one hull
Open Cockpit	A cockpit that is not a Contained Cockpit.
ORC	Offshore Racing Congress (formerly Offshore Racing Council)
OSR	Offshore Special Regulation(s)
Permanently Installed	The item is effectively built-in by e.g. bolting, welding, glassing etc. and may not be removed for or during racing.
PLB	Personal Locator Beacon
Primary Launch	Month & Year of first launch of the first boat of the production series or first launch of a non-series boat
Proa	Asymmetric Catamaran
Rode	Rope, chain, or a combination of both, which is used to connect an anchor to the boat.
RRS	World Sailing - Racing Rules of Sailing
Safety Line	A tether used to connect a safety harness to a strong point
SAR	Search and Rescue
SART	Search and Rescue Transponder
Securely	Held strongly in place by a method (e.g. rope lashings, wing-nuts)

Fastened	which will safely retain the fastened object in severe conditions including a 180° capsized 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 to 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
World Sailing	formerly the International Sailing Federation or ISAF

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

** 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

2.02 Incident Reporting

** The Organizing Authority of a race will establish whether any incidents occurred, which if reported would be likely to be relevant to evolving the Offshore Special Regulations, the plan review process, or in increasing safety. The Organizing Authority will follow any guidelines issued by World Sailing concerning incident reporting.

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:

- ** a) function properly
- ** b) be regularly checked, cleaned and serviced
- ** c) if it has an expiry date, it will not have exceeded its expiry date whilst racing
- ** d) when not in use be stowed in conditions in which deterioration is minimised
- ** e) be readily accessible
- ** f) 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
MoMu0,1,2	3.03.2	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:
MoMu0,1,2	c)	the EC Recreational Craft Directive for Category A having obtained the CE mark, or
MoMu0,1,2	d)	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
MoMu0,1,2	e)	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, coach roof, keel or appendages, on board, except
MoMu0,1,2	f)	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
Mu0,1,2,3,4	3.05	Stability and Flotation - Multihulls
	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
Mu0,1,2,3	3.07	Exits and Escape Hatches - Multihulls
	3.07.1	Exits
Mu0,1,2,3,4		At least two exits in each hull which contains accommodations
Mu0,1,2,3,4	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

	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 m ² (110 in ²)
**	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
**	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)	blocking devices:
**	i	capable of being retained in position with the hatch open or shut
**	ii	secured to the boat (e.g. by lanyard) for the duration of the race
**	iii	permit exit in the event of inversion
Mu0,1,2,3,4	3.08.7	if a multihull with a companionway hatch extending below the local sheerline either:
Mu0,1,2,3,4	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
Mu0,1,2,3	b)	be in compliance with ISO 11812 to design category A
	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)
**	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 volume
	3.09.5 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
	3.10 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
	3.11 Sheet Winches	
**		Sheet winches mounted in such a way that an operator is not required to be substantially below deck
	3.12 Mast Step	
**		The heel of a keel stepped mast securely fastened to the mast step or adjoining structure
	3.13 Watertight Bulkheads	
Mo0Mu0,1,2,3,4	3.13.1	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
Mo0Mu0,1,2,3,4	3.13.2	Any required watertight bulkhead to be strongly built to take a full head of water pressure without allowing any leakage into the adjacent compartment

3.14 Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines

3.14.1

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")
- c) 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 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")

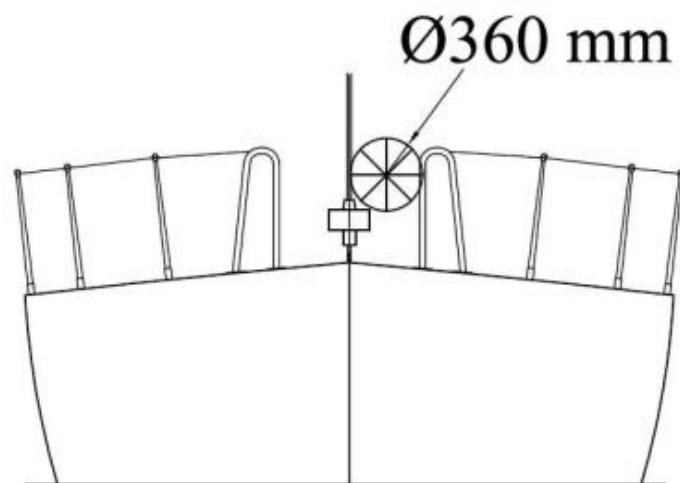


Figure 2 - Diagram Showing Pulpit Opening

- 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 3/4") 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

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3,14.5 Spare number

3.14.6 Lifeline Specifications

- a) Lifelines of either:
 - i stranded stainless steel wire
 - ii HMPE
- 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

LH	Wire Min. lifeline diameter	HMPE rope (Single braid) min. lifeline diameter	HMPE Core (Braid on braid) min. lifeline diameter
under 8.5m (28')	3mm (1/8")	4mm (5/32")	4mm (5/32")
8.5m - 13m	4mm (5/32")	5mm (3/16")	5mm (3/16")
over 13m (42' 8")	5mm (3/16")	5mm (3/16")	5mm (3/16")

3.15 Multihull Nets or Trampolines

- 3.15.1 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 capsize 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:-
 - d) 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

- 3.16.1 A catamaran shall have nets covering the area defined:
laterally by the hulls; and
- a)

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Mu0,1,2,3,4	3.16.2 b)	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
	3.18 Toilet	
MoMu0,1,2	3.18.1	Permanently installed toilet
	3.19 Bunks	
MoMu0	3.19.1	Permanently installed bunk for each crewmember
	3.20 Cooking Facilities	
MoMu0,1,2,3		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	
MoMu0	a)	Permanently installed delivery pump and water tanks dividing the water supply into at least three compartments
	3.21.2 Drinking Water	
MoMu0	a)	Equipment (which may include watermakers and tanks containing water) permanently installed to provide at least 3 l (0.8 US Gal) of drinking water per person per day for the likely duration of the voyage
	3.21.3 Emergency Drinking Water	
MoMu0	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
MoMu0	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
MoMu0	d)	facilities shall be provided to collect rainwater for drinking purposes including when dismantled
	3.22 Hand Holds	
**		Adequate hand holds fitted below deck
	3.23 Bilge Pumps and Buckets	
**	3.23.1	two strong buckets, each with a lanyard and of at least 9 l (2.4 US Gal) capacity
	a)	
Mo3Mu0,1,2	b)	one permanently installed manual bilge pump
Mu0,1,2,3,4	c)	provision to pump out all watertight compartments (except those filled with impermeable buoyancy).
**	3.23.2	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
**	3.23.3	Bilge pumps shall not be connected to cockpit drains and shall not discharge into a Closed Cockpit
**	3.23.4	Bilge pumps shall be readily accessible for maintenance and for clearing out debris
**	3.23.5	All removable bilge pump handles retained by a lanyard
	3.24 Compass	
MoMu0,1,2,3	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
MoMu0,1,2,3	c)	a second compass which may be hand-held and/or electronic
	3.25 Halyards.	
**	a)	A minimum of two halyards, each capable of hoisting a sail, on each mast
MoMu0,1,2,3	b)	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	
	3.27 Navigation Lights	
	3.27.1	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

**	3.27.2	regulations. mounted above sheerline and so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the boat
MoMu0,1,2,3	3.27.3	reserve lights having the same specifications as above, and that can be powered independently
**	3.27.4	spare bulbs (not required for LED)
	3.28	Engines, Generators, Fuel
	3.28.1	Propulsion Engines
**	a)	engines and associated systems installed in accordance with their manufacturers' guidelines and suitable for the size and intended use of the boat
MoMu0,1,2,3	b)	an engine which provides a minimum speed in knots of $(1.8 \times \sqrt{\text{LWL in metres}})$ or $(\sqrt{\text{LWL in feet}})$
Mo0,1,2Mu0	c)	inboard engine
**	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
**	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.
	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
MoMu0	e)	a marine VHF DSC radio covering all international and US marine channels and meeting ITU class D
MoMu0	3.29.3	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)
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)
**	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);
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:
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

A boat shall have:

4.01 Sail Letters & Numbers

**	4.01.1	Identification on sails which complies with RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G
MoMu0,1,2,3	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

4.02 Search and Rescue Visibility

MoMu0	4.02.1	A 4 m ² (43 ft ²) area of highly-visible pink, orange or yellow on the coachroof and/or deck
Mu0,1,2,3,4	4.02.2	A 1 m ² (11 ft ²) area of highly-visible pink, orange or yellow showing when the boat is inverted

4.03 Soft Wood Plugs

**		A tapered soft wood plug stowed adjacent to every through-hull opening
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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)	be independent on each side of the deck
MoMu0,1,2,3	b)	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	c)	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
MoMu0,1,2,3	4.04.3	Clipping points which shall:
MoMu0,1,2,3	a)	be adjacent to stations such as the helm, sheet winches and masts, where crewmembers work
MoMu0,1,2,3	b)	enable a crewmember to clip on before coming on deck and unclip after going below
MoMu0,1,2,3	c)	enable two-thirds of the crew to be simultaneously clipped on without depending on jackstays
Mu0,1,2,3	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

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.)
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** MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu0	4.07	Flashlights and Searchlights Watertight lights with spare batteries and bulbs as follows: a) a searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance b) a flashlight in addition to 4.07 a) 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 m ² (22 ft ²) 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 4.11.1 Navigational charts (not solely electronic), light list and chart plotting equipment
MoMu0,1,2,3 **	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 4.13.1 A knotmeter or distance measuring instrument (log) 4.13.2 Two independent depth sounders
	4.14	Spare Number
MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu0,1,2,3	4.15	Emergency Steering 4.15.1 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 a) the principal method of steering is by means of an unbreakable metal tiller b) 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.
	MoMu0,1,2,3	4.15.2 A proven method of emergency steering with the rudder disabled
	4.16	Tools and Spare Parts 4.16.1 Tools and spare parts, suitable for the duration and nature of the passage 4.16.2 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 4.19.1 Two water and manually activated 406 MHz EPIRBs 4.19.2 A 406 MHz EPIRB registered after 2015 shall include an internal GPS 4.19.3 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
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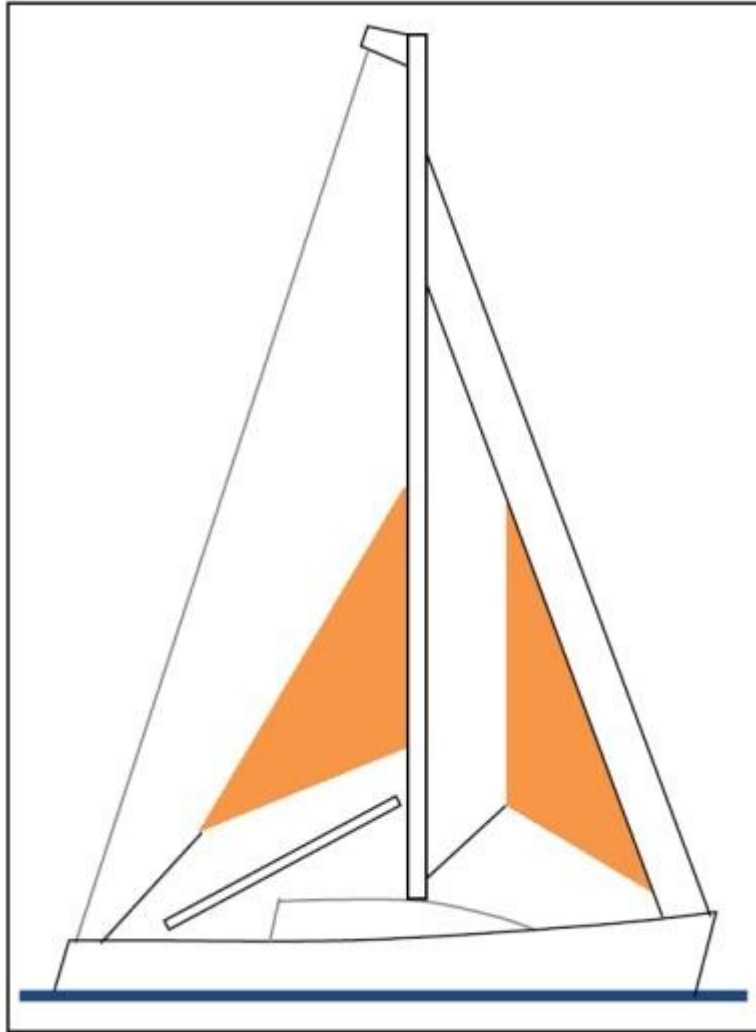
	4.20 Liferafts	
	4.20.1 Liferaft Construction	
MoMu0	b)	A sufficient number of liferafts so that in the event of any one liferaft being lost or rendered unserviceable, sufficient aggregate capacity remains for all crewmembers
MoMu0	c)	Liferafts shall comply with SOLAS LSA code 1997 Chapter IV or later version
	4.20.2 Minimum Liferaft Equipment	
MoMu0,1,2	a)	A SOLAS liferaft shall contain as a minimum a SOLAS A pack;
	4.20.3 Liferaft Packing and Stowage	
MoMu0,1,2	a)	Each liferaft shall be packed either in:
MoMu0,1,2	i	a rigid container securely stowed on the working deck, in the cockpit or in an open space; or:
MoMu0,1,2	ii	a rigid container or valise securely stowed in a dedicated weather tight locker containing liferaft and abandon ship equipment only which is readily accessible and opens onto the cockpit or working deck, or transom
MoMu0,1,2	c)	On a multihull or on a monohull with moveable ballast the liferaft shall be readily deployable whether or not the boat is inverted
MoMu0,1,2	d)	The end of each liferaft painter should be securely fastened to the boat
MoMu0,1,2	e)	Each raft shall be capable of being got to the lifelines or launched within 15 seconds
	4.20.4 Spare Number	
	4.20.5 Liferaft Servicing	
MoMu0,1,2	a)	A liferaft shall be serviced at a manufacturer authorized service station at the following maximum intervals:
MoMu0,1,2	i	SOLAS liferafts annually
MoMu0,1,2	ii	ISO 9650 canister packed liferafts every 3 years
MoMu0,1,2	iii	ISO 9650 valise packed liferafts every 3 years except that hired liferafts shall be serviced annually
MoMu0,1,2	iv	ISAF liferafts annually
MoMu0,1,2	v	ORC liferafts annually
MoMu0,1,2	b)	Servicing certificates (original or a copy) on board
	4.21 Grab Bags	
**	f)	If a grab bag is provided it shall have inherent flotation, at least 0.1 m ² (1 ft ²) area of fluorescent orange colour on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the boat, and shall have a lanyard and clip
	4.22 Crew Overboard Identification and Recovery	
	4.22.1 Locator Beacons	
MoMu0	a)	A PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) equipped with 406Mhz and 121.5Mhz for each crew member
MoMu0,1,2	b)	An AIS personal crew overboard beacon for each crew member
MoMu0	c)	A personal unit in addition to the PLB in OSR 4.22.1 b) if the location device carried by the boat in accordance with OSR 3.29.07 requires it;
MoMu0,1,2	d)	Where possible every PLB shall be 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.
	4.22.2 GPS Crew Overboard Position	
MoMu0	a)	A GPS capable of recording a crew overboard position, within 10 seconds, and monitoring that position, and
MoMu0	b)	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
MoMu0,1,2	4.22.3	a lifebuoy with a self-igniting light, a whistle and a drogue
MoMu0,1,2	4.22.4	In addition to 4.22.3 above, within reach of the helmsman and ready for immediate use, a second lifebuoy equipped with:
MoMu0,1,2	a)	a whistle, a drogue, a self-igniting light and

MoMu0,1,2	b)	a pole and flag. The pole shall be either permanently extended or be capable of being fully automatically extended									
MoMu0	c)	Each lifebuoy shall be equipped with a sachet of fluorescein dye									
MoMu0,1,2	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									
MoMu0,1,2,3	4.22.8	A recovery sling which includes a:									
MoMu0,1,2,3	a)	buoyant line of length no less than the shorter of 4 times LH or 36m (120')									
MoMu0,1,2,3	b)	buoyancy section (horseshoe) with no less than 90 N (20#) buoyancy									
MoMu0,1,2,3	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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MoMu0,1,2,3	4	2									
MoMu4		2									
	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:									
MoMu0	4.26.1	a storm trysail (or rotating wing mast if suitable)									
MoMu0,1,2,3	4.26.2	heavy weather jib									
MoMu0,1,2	4.26.3	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

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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)

SECTION 5 - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Each crew member shall have:

5.01 Lifejacket

5.01.1 A lifejacket which shall:

- a) i 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
- d) have overload indicator flag embedded in the stitching
- e) be manufactured after 2000

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

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)

5.02.5 A tether which has been overloaded shall be replaced

5.03 Personal Location Lights

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

A foul weather suit with hood

5.05 Knife

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

MoMu0	5.06 Flashlight	A buoyant watertight flashlight
MoMu0	5.07 Survival Equipment	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);
MoMu0	5.08 Diving Equipment	The boat shall have at least two diving suits each to cover the entire body and including gloves, fins and portable air supplies
MoMu0	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
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
MoMu0	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
MoMu0	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:
MoMu0,1,2	a)	A certificate listed on the World Sailing website https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/activities-services/technical-offshore/technical-services/technical-and-offshore-safety/offshore-safety/osr-recognised-first-aid-qualifications/
MoMu0,1,2	b)	STCW First Aid Training complying with A-VI/1-3 - Elementary First Aid or higher STCW level
MoMu0	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 D - A guide to ISO and other Standards
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