

Special Regulations Sub-Committee Meeting Report to Oceanic and Offshore

In February this year World Sailing received a request for interpretation regarding sheet winches below deck. Per World Sailing regulation 30.3, the sub-committee reviewed the interpretation that was published earlier this year. The sub-committee voted to uphold the interpretation.

The sub-committee discussed the 4 OSR submissions received and approved three to send to Oceanic and Offshore with recommendations to approve:

- SR03-22-linked to OSR 4.21 regarding grab bags

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve with the following amendment:

“If a grab bag has to accompany a specific liferaft, it shall be clearly marked with the identity of the matching liferaft”

- SR04-22 -linked to OSR Appendix H regarding Medical training.
Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve
- SR05-22- linked to OSR Appendix J regarding hypothermia.
Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve

The sub-committee received detailed reports from the very active working parties:

The keel Improvements working party is actively involved in the current review of ISO standard 12215-9, Sailing Craft Appendages regarding keel fatigue.

The OSR refinement WP has made great progress, including sending a questionnaire to stakeholders to gather information from MNA's to help the sub-committee understand how the OSR is used and consider feedback in the refinement.

The Grab Bags working party has made a submission based on their findings which will be present to the OOC.

The Deck Chamfer working party is actively working on how to ensure the safety of sailors through proper placement of lifelines on chamfered decks.

The Medical working party has made two submissions based on their findings which will be present to the OOC.

Throughout the meeting, the sub-committee kept highlighting the need for safety to be the top priority. This included looking at incidents reported over the last year and the role of plan review.

The recommendations for the submissions will be presented to the Oceanic and Offshore committee on Thursday for final approval.