

OSR 4.07 Flashlights and Searchlights

Use of rechargeable torches

A submission from Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To allow the use of rechargeable LED torches in place of carrying spare batteries and bulbs.

Proposal

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** Watertight lights **(minimum IP67 rated)** with spare batteries and bulbs as follows, **or a watertight (minimum IP67 rated) rechargeable LED torch of at least 400 Lumens.**

Current Position

As above

Reasons

A RORC working party* have undertaken a review of the Offshore Special Regulations

Rechargeable flashlights have a very long battery life and have been proven to be just as effective as standard battery powered lights. In addition "watertight" needs some clarification with an internationally recognised IP rating.

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