

OSR 4.22 Crew Overboard Identification and Recovery

Locator Beacons

A submission from Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To require the use of on deck systems for MOB position finding for boats crewed by only two persons.

Proposal

Add point d) to 4.22.2 GPS Crew Overboard Position

MoMu1,2 d) For boats with only two crew, A GPS capable of recording a crew overboard position, within 10 seconds, and monitoring that position without having to go below decks.

Current Position

None

Reasons

A RORC working party* have undertaken a review of the Offshore Special Regulations and identified critical areas where there should be a consideration for double handed sailing (i.e. only 2 persons onboard).

With only two persons aboard a boat the need for the crew member who has remained on the boat is crucial in the recovery of the MOB. Means of assisting with the navigation without the need to go below decks has been identified as a key safety solution that will have a direct impact on saving lives.

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