

Offshore Special Regulations

3.21.1 (a) Drinking Water Tanks

A submission from the Offshore Racing Congress and Australian Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To simplify the carrying of drinking water for crew during category 2 and category 3 races.

Proposal

Add to OSR 3.21.1

MoMu 2,3 (a) Permanently installed delivery pump and water tank(s), or reusable container(s) capable of providing sufficient amount of drinking water per person per day for the likely duration of the voyage.

Current Position

MoMu 2,3 (a) Permanently installed delivery pump and water tank(s).

Reasons

The reason for this proposal is that the current regulation in the Offshore Special Regulations is restrictive for newer, smaller boats that may not have had water tanks included in their original build specifications. Some class rules do not allow a permanent water tank to be fitted. By allowing reusable containers to be carried on board for water this will give the ability for these boats to compete in category 2 and category 3 races.

By including the requirement for the containers to be reusable this will ensure that single use plastics are not used, eliminating the need to purchase containers for each race, therefore also reducing the associated waste.

A recommendation of amount of water could be; “at least 3l (0.8 US Gal) of drinking water per person per day”

The concern that containers could be moved around the boat to affect boat trim is negated by OSR 2.04.2 *Heavy items shall be permanently installed or securely fastened.*
