

World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations

APPENDIX D – Guide to ISO and Other Standards

Application and Development Policy

The Special Regulations Sub-Committee reviews changes to international standards and will, when practicable, defer to those standards. Significant changes will, when possible, affect new boats and/or new equipment only. A summary of organisations, using their commonly accepted acronyms, follows.

ISO

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization is a world-wide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO Technical Committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a Technical Committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organisations governmental and non-governmental, including e.g. World Sailing, take part in the work. Copies of International Standards may be obtained from a national standards body.

The following International Standards (or Draft Standards), are mentioned in the Offshore Special Regulations:

ISO Standard	Subject	Special Regulation
8729-2	Marine radar reflectors	4.10
9650	Liferafts	4.20
11812	Watertight & quick draining cockpits	3.08
12401	Deck safety harness	5.02
12402	Personal Flotation Devices	5.01, Appendix C
12215	Hull construction standards	3.03
12217-2	Assessment of stability and buoyancy	3.04.4, Appendix A
15027-1	Constant wear suit	5.07
15027-2	Abandonment suit	5.07
17339	Sea anchors	Appendix K

CEN

CEN standards (Norms) are developed in Europe by CEN (European Committee for Standardization – Comité Européen de Normalisation) which publishes ENs (European Norms) and which works closely with ISO. The following Norms are mentioned in the Offshore Special Regulations:

EN standard	Subject	Special Regulation
396	Lifejackets	5.01

ABS

ABS Guide for Building and Classing Offshore Yachts. This Guide to scantlings (construction standards) was originally published by ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) in co-operation with the Offshore Racing Council.

RCD

The RCD (Recreational Craft Directive) is published with the authority of the European Union under which “notified bodies” may approve construction standards of boats which may then be entitled to display a CE mark permitting sale in the European Union (see OSR 3.03).

SOLAS

The SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) Convention is published by IMO (International Maritime Organization) at which World Sailing has Consultative Status. SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 3, 10 refers to the LSA (Life Saving Appliances) Code (published as a separate booklet) to which OSR makes the following references:

LSA Code	Subject	Special Regulation
Chapter III, 3.1	Flares (pyrotechnics)	4.20.2
Chapter III, 3.2	Flares (pyrotechnics)	4.20.2, 4.23
Chapter III, 3.3	Flares (pyrotechnics)	4.23
Chapter II, 2.2.3	Lifejacket lights	5.01
Chapter IV, 4	Liferafts	4.20.2
Chapter II, 2.3	Immersion suits	5.07
Chapter III, 2.5	Thermal protective aids	4.20.2

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