

4.07 Flashlights and Searchlights

A submission from Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

Safety of double handed sailors.

Proposal

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Mo0,1,2,3 Mu**	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.
MoMu0,1,2,3	a) a searchlight, suitable for searching for a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance,
Mo0,1,2,3 Mu**	b) stowed in each grab bag (see OSR 4.21), a flashlight in addition to OSR 4.07 a).
Mo0,1,2,3 Mu**	c) the flashlight in OSR 4.07 b) shall be stowed in the grab bag (see OSR 4.21).
Mo0,1,2,3 Mu**	c) for boats with only two crew members, the searchlight detailed in 4.07 a) shall be operable from the cockpit without having to go below deck.
MoMu0	d) a high-intensity heavy duty searchlight powered by the boat's batteries, instantly available for use on deck and in the cockpit.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

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

The wording in OSR 4.07(c) is a repetition of the wording in OSR 4.07(b).

We feel this should be replaced to ensue yachts that will potentially have a single person on deck at night, do not have a need to go below decks to activate a searchlight to locate a person overboard or for collision avoidance.
