

Offshore Special Regulations

Recommendations arising from the Refinement Working Party survey.

A submission from the Offshore Special Regulations Refinement Working Party

Purpose or Objective

As part of the refinement process, a survey was conducted. For a variety of reasons, such as believing that some topics were outside the scope of the working party, some suggestions were deferred.

The purpose of this submission is to retain a record of these suggestions as forward notes to be considered by the next Special Regulations Sub-Committee.

Proposal

- 1) Move details over which owners have no control to the back of the OSR (e.g. an appendix)
 - a) 3.03 Scantlings
 - b) 3.04 Stability
 - c) Parts of 3.14 Lifelines
 - d) 4.27 Heavy weather sail specifications
- 2) Use of colour.
- 3) Explanatory resources (Recommendations, acceptable means of compliance). The survey comment was “the why’s are as important as the what’s”.
 - a) An option presented at Málaga was to add links to resources to the OSR. The working party concluded that this is unwieldy. A better option to consider is to use a method such as an FAQ which is de-coupled from the OSR.
 - b) Good sources for this information are race organizations such as RORC and CCA, publications, or the trade. A framework for accepting their contributions, accrediting the sources, but keeping compliance open to competitive suppliers needs to be established.
 - c) Copyright issues for images and text.
 - d) Liability issues need to be addressed.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

It would be a shame to see survey suggestions ignored because of a turnover in sub-committee members.
