

Offshore Special Regulations

3.29.6 VHF Radio – Cockpit Speaker

A submission from the Vice-Chair, Special Regulations Sub-Committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this proposal is to provide a speaker in the cockpit for a double-handed crew which broadcasts VHF communications.

Proposal

MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu0,1,2,3 MoMu1,2,3 MoMu0	3.29.6	If the marine radio transceiver is a VHF: a) a minimum rated output power of 25 W, b) if installed after 2015 be <u>DSC</u> capable, c) a marine VHF <u>DSC</u> radio covering all international and US marine channels and meeting International Telecommunications Union (ITU) class D.
MoMu0,1,2	d)	a masthead antenna not less than 38 cm (15”) in length and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss,
MoMu3	e)	a masthead antenna and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss,
MoMu1,2,3	f)	<u>DSC</u> capable VHF transceivers shall be programmed with an assigned MMSI (unique to the boat), be connected to a <u>GPS</u> receiver and be capable of making distress alert calls as well as sending and receiving a <u>DSC</u> position report with another <u>DSC</u> equipped station,
MoMu1,2 <u>MoMu3</u>	g) h)	have an external speaker in the cockpit. <u>where the number of crewmembers is less than 3, have an external speaker in the cockpit.</u>

Current Position

The proposal is a marked-up version of the current position.

Reasons

1. On a double-handed boat, the off-watch crew will want the VHF radio off so that they can sleep. This proposed requirement permits the on-watch crewmember to maintain a radio watch.