

The Special Regulations Sub-Committee met virtually at 1200 UTC on 25 July 2025.

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Members Present:

James Dadd - Chair	Haluk Suntay	Francesca Clapcich
Richard Hinterhoeller – Vice-Chair	Per Boymo	Christophe Gaumont
Andy Newell	Sachiko Sault	

Others Present:

Katrina Ham – WS Offshore and Safety Manager	Jaime Navarro -WS Director of Technical and Offshore	Josep M Pla -WS Vice-President
Obi Groombarke – WS Technical Specialist	Matt Allen – OOC Chair	

Apologies:

Glen Stanaway	David Hughes - WS Vice-President	Ana Gamulin
Patrick Lindqvist		

1. Opening of the Meeting

- a. Chair's Opening Remarks
 - James Dadd welcomed members to the meeting. He emphasised the sub-committee's crucial role in reviewing proposed changes to the Offshore Special Regulations, stressing the need for careful consideration before decisions are made. Matt Allen reported on the inclusion of an offshore event organisers meeting on the 7th of November at the 2025 Annual Conference and welcomed members to attend in person or virtually.
- b. Apologies for Absence

It was noted that apologies were received from Glen Stanaway and David Hughes.
- c. Minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2025

The minutes of the meeting on the 9th of June were noted as approved.
- d. Matters Arising

2. Executive Office Update

- a. An update from the Executive Office

Katrina Ham provided a brief update from the Executive Office. When noting the proposal portal, she highlighted the publication of deadlines for proposals in line with the governance changes.

- b. To note the ongoing development of an Offshore Strategy

Katrina Ham gave a brief outline of the ongoing project of the Executive Office to create an offshore strategy and the links to the important work of the sub-committee. She welcomed feedback from members to be sent to the Executive Office for consideration.

3. Offshore Special Regulations

- a. To consider the proposals allocated to the Sub-Committee: Please note all proposals and recommendations can be viewed and tracked on the [World Sailing website](#).

- i) OOC-2025-001 – 3.14.1 Stanchions & Pulpits

Richard Hinterhoeller outlined the proposal, noting the two objectives of administration / wording updates to provide consistency in the document, in addition to the inclusion of diagrams. While considering the proposal, Jaime Navarro questioned whether the diagrams could be considered as interpreting the regulation. The question was posed on the use of terminology such as “too narrow/wide”. It was agreed that while the other changes were beneficial, the diagrams would benefit from further consideration.

Votes:

Approve: 7

Reject: 0

Abstain: 0

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve with friendly amendment

- ii) OOC-2025-002 – 3.29.6 VHF Cockpit Speakers

While discussing the proposal, Per Boymo recalled an incident and highlighted the benefits of remote microphones and speakers. Christophe Gaumont shared insight from Class Mini which already have the requirement in place while Francesca Clapcich noted the benefits of speakers in IMOCAs and the importance of always being on watch. An amendment was suggested to change where to if, to be consistent with other wording in the document.

Votes:

Approve: 5

Reject: 2

Abstain: 1

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve with friendly amendment

iii) OOC-2025-003 – 3.29.8 GPS

It was also highlighted that by including further details in the description would be inconsistent with other definitions, and as such it was agreed to be removed as a friendly amendment.

Votes:

Approve: 6

Reject: 0

Abstain: 2

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve with friendly amendment

iv) OOC-2025-004 – 4.26 Storm & Heavy Weather Sails

The sub-committee discussed the proposal noting the discussion from the 2024 Annual Conference. No friendly amendments were suggested.

Votes:

Approve: 5

Reject: 0

Abstain: 3

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve

v) OOC-2025-005 – 4.30 Emergency Pumps

While describing the current wording, Richard Hinterhoeller highlighted the desire to widen the choice of connection types. It was agreed that this would give owners the option to choose more suitable options depending on the requirements. While Jaime Navarro noted the potential challenges around the use of the term secure, no friendly amendments were put forward.

Votes:

Approve: 7

Reject: 0

Abstain: 1

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve with friendly amendment

vi) OOC-2025-006 – 5.02.2 Tethers

While the proposed changes were considered, Katrina Ham noted the Executive Office received frequent questions on the tethers as well as the use of harness-release systems, making reference to a recent incident report from the 2024 Sydney to Hobart. It was noted that this could be an area for further consideration.

Votes:

Approve: 8

Reject: 0

Abstain: 0

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve

vii) OOC-2025-007 – Appendix M

Richard Hinterhoeller presented the proposal noting the previous work of Stan Honey. While discussing the proposal, it was noted that all changes should be given careful consideration.

Votes:

Approve: 7

Reject: 0

Abstain: 1

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve

viii) OOC-2025-008 – 3.04 Stability - Monohulls

Recalling the history of recent changes to this regulation, Richard Hinterhoeller highlighted the importance of rectifying the situation.

Votes:

Approve: 8

Reject: 0

Abstain: 0

Recommendation to Oceanic and Offshore Committee: Approve

4. Work Plan

- a. A review of the Work Plan

James Dadd noted the importance to continue to review the plan review and welcomed members to contact him with suggestions.

5. Incident Reports

It was noted that the following incident reports have been published. James Dadd noted the desire for further consideration of these with Glen Stanaway who would be able to provide further insights into the incident from Australia.

- a. [SP179 – Club Race \(AUS\) – Stewart 24 - Pendragon – Collision with vessel – Fatality – 6 December 2024](#)
- b. [SP180 – Sydney to Hobart – McIntyre 55 – Flying Fish Arctos – Fatality – 26 December 2024](#)
- c. [SP181 - Sydney to Hobart – Beneteau First 44.7 – Bowline – Fatality – 27 December 2024](#)
- d. [SP187 – Sydney to Hobart – Cookson 50 – Person-overboard – 26 December 2024](#)

6. AOB

- a. Next Meeting

It was noted that a meeting would be planned for the week of the 6th of October. James Dadd asked members to review their availability and let him know of availability before the end of July. The meeting closed at 1304UTC.