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Title of Proposal:	Appendix C - Special Regulations – Dinghy PFDs
Subtitle:	
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Proposal:

Proposed change to OSR Appendix C
Part B equipment second bullet point

Each crewmember shall have a buoyancy aid which shall comply with ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) and has been manufactured after 2006. It shall be of the appropriate size range for the crewmember as marked on the PFD.

Current position:

A boat shall carry:

- a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person aboard to ISO 12402-5 – Level 50 or equivalent,

Reasons:

Owing to the current OSR Appendix C above being out of date in respect of Standards etc.

The phraseology of the proposal is more in keeping with the substantive OSR in that it uses the words “buoyancy aid” which like the word “lifejacket” is a category of the ISO PFD Standards. “Buoyancy aid” is specific to Level 50 PFDs.

There are no standards equivalent to the ISO.

The proposal goes on to add a “cut off” date of 2006 i.e. buoyancy aids manufacture prior to 2006 are not permitted. The previous EN standards were significantly up graded in 2006 in way of permitted materials of manufacture and usage testing and re-published as the ISO. Any pre 2006 buoyancy aid is likely to be inferior to the post 2006 standard.

The proposed addition of the new final sentence “*It shall be of the appropriate size range for the crewmember as marked on the PFD*” is considered necessary to insure that the correct physical size of PFD is carried for each crewmember. Although the primary classification of and hence choice of ISO PFDs is by Level, which is based on intended use, each is also sub divided by the

mass and physical size range of the user. For a PFD to function as designed it is important that these sub divisions are met.

(at the 2012 Olympic Regatta a number of competitors offered “under size” Level 50 PFDs at Equipment Inspection, it is thought in an endeavour to reduce the weight carried aboard).

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