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Title of Proposal:	Appendix B - Special Regulations – Inshore Racing PFDs
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Proposal:

Proposed change to OSR Appendix B 5.01.1

5.01.1
A personal flotation device which shall comply with the Offshore Special Regulations 5.01.1 and 5.01.4 - Category 4.

Current position:

5.01.1

A personal flotation device which shall:

- a) be equipped with a whistle,
- b) be clearly marked with the boat's or wearer's name,
- c) if inflatable, regularly checked for air retention.

Unless otherwise specified by a boat's applicable class rules or by sailing instructions, personal flotation devices shall have at least 150N buoyancy, arranged to securely suspend an unconscious person face upwards at approximately 45 degrees to the water surface.

Reasons:

Owing to the current OSR Appendix B 5.01.1 being out of date in respect of Standards etc.

The existing Regulation requires PFDs to have "at least 150N buoyancy". The corresponding ISO Level that meets this existing requirement is ISO Level 150 which is the same Level as included in Category 4 of the main OSR. It would be sensible to specify this Category as included in the main OSR and avoid duplication and possible error.