

2010 ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS CHANGES effective 1 January 2010

A brief summary of significant US and ISAF changes:

3.03 Hull Construction Standards (Scantlings)

Effective 1 January 2010, newly launched yachts shall be designed and built in accordance with the structural requirements of Offshore Special Regulation 3.03. They shall have on board a certificate of building plan review from a notified body recognized by ISAF and a declaration signed and dated by the builder to confirm the yacht is built in accordance with the plans reviewed by the Notified Body.

3.14. Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines

As an alternative to stainless steel wire, lifelines may now be made of Dyneema fibre. Pulpit and pushpit bases shall not be situated outboard of a working deck. Lifelines shall be continuous and fixed only at (or near) the bow and stern.

3.29 - AIS Transponder

An AIS Transponder transmitting information from the yacht such as its position, speed and heading will be required for Category 1 and 2 races in addition to the existing requirement for Category 0 races..

4.26 – Storm and Heavy Weather Sails

In November 2008, advance notice was given of proposed reductions in the maximum sizes of storm jib and storm trysail. These proposed changes have been withdrawn for further consideration.

5.01 – Lifejacket

The US SAILING Prescription that defers the ISAF requirement to have crotch straps or thigh straps on lifejackets has been changed to require them by 2014.

5.02 - Safety Harness and Safety Lines (Tethers)

A harness or safety line manufactured prior to January 2001 is not permitted. A US SAILING Prescription changes “not permitted” to “not recommended in the US”.

It is now strongly recommended that crotch straps or thigh straps together with related fittings and fixtures should be strong enough to lift the wearer from the water.

Before the end of March 2010 ISAF will publish recommended minimum breaking strains which for equipment purchased on or after January 2011 will be mandatory. Effective January 2011, a harness shall be fitted with crotch or thigh straps.

NOTE: A complete list of all changes made since the 2008 book is posted at <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs/amendments>. These changes also appear in red print in the 2010 US SAILING Extracts at http://offshore.ussailing.org/SAS/ISAF_Special_Regulations/Extracts.htm