



ISAF Offshore Special Regulations - EXTRACT Standard Inspection List for Category 4

- **PERSON IN CHARGE**, please prepare the boat and sign the card.

YACHT _____ Sail No _____

1.01.2 These Special Regulations do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of governmental authority, the Racing Rules and the rules of Class Associations and Rating Systems. The attention of persons in charge is called to restrictions in the Rules on the location and movement of equipment.

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

"I hereby declare that I am the owner or person in charge and that I have read and understood Special Regulations and in particular 1.02.1, 1.02.2, and 1.02.3 (Responsibility of Person in Charge)"

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

RULE	ITEM TO CHECK	Pass / No Pass
2.03.2	Ballast, ballast tanks and associated equipment shall be permanently installed. Heavy items securely fastened.	
3.08.1	Hatches (area > 0.071 m ²) forward of BMAX open outwards.	
3.08.2	Hatches , windows and other hull and deck openings watertight and permanently attached.	
3.08.4	Companionways watertight below sheerline. Washboards secured by lanyard.	



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3.10	Sea Cocks or Valves shall be permanently installed on all through-hull openings.	
3.11	Sheet Winches shall be mounted in such a way that an operator is not required to be substantially below deck.	
3.12	Mast heel securely fastened to the mast step	
3.14.2	Lifelines required in OSR shall be "taut". As a guide, 5,1 kg should not deflect more than 50 mm.	
3.14.3 a)	A Bow Pulpit forward of the headstay with vertical height and openings conforming: upper rail at a height of no less than 600 mm above the working deck. The intermediate rail shall not be less than 230 mm above the working deck. No vertical opening shall exceed 380 mm.	
3.18.2	Toilet , permanently installed or fitted bucket. -	OPTIONAL
3.19.2	Bunks , permanently installed. MATS are optional.	OPTIONAL
3.22	Hand holds properly fitted below deck. A hand hold should be capable of withstanding without rupture a side force of 1500N.	
3.23.1	No bilge pump may discharge into a cockpit unless opened aft to the sea. Shall not be connected to cockpit drains	
3.23.4	Each bilge pump handle secured with a lanyard, unless permanently installed	
3.23.5 e)	One manual bilge pump	
3.23.5 f)	2 buckets of stout construction of at least 9 litres, with lanyard	
3.24.1 a)	A Marine Magnetic Compass independent of any power, permanently installed. Deviation card.	
3.27.5	Spare Bulbs for navigation lights shall be carried, or appropriate spares.	
3.28.1.a	Propulsion engine , securely covered inboard with associated tanks and fuel system. All permanently installed.	
3.28.1.b		
3.29.1 e)	Marine radio transceiver . A hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover. When not in use to be stowed in a grab bag or emergency container (see OSR 4.21)	
3.29.1 f)	Independent of a main radio transceiver, a Radio Receiver capable of receiving weather bulletins.	
4.01.2	Sail Numbers and Letters to be displayed by alternative means.	OPTIONAL
4.03	Soft Wood Plugs tapered and of the appropriate size, attached to the appropriate fitting.	
4.05	At least two fire extinguishers readily accessible in suitable and different parts of the yacht.	
4.05.4	A fire blanket adjacent to every cooking device with an open flame	
4.06	1 anchor with or without chain (minimum 12kg*) and rope (25m long*), all ready for immediate use. (Note: * as per Class Rules)	
4.07.1 a) & b)	A watertight, high-powered searchlight , suitable for searching for a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance with spare batteries and bulbs, and A Watertight Flashlight with spare batteries and bulbs.	
4.08	First aid kit and manual.	
4.09	Fog horn .	
4.10	A passive Radar Reflector .	



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4.11	Navigational equipment. Charts (not solely electronic), light list and chart plotting equipment	
4.12	Safety equipment location chart in durable waterproof material shall be displayed in the main accommodation.	
4.13.1	An Echo Sounder or lead line shall be provided.	
4.16	Tools and spare parts. Means to disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull.	
4.17	Yacht's name on miscellaneous buoyant equipment (lifejackets, lifebuoys, etc.)	
4.18	Retro-reflective material on lifejackets, lifebuoys, liferafts and lifeslings	
4.22.1 a)	A lifebuoy with a self-igniting light and a drogue or a Lifesling with a self-igniting light and without a drogue.	
4.23	Pyrotechnic Signals: 4 red hand flares; 2 orange smoke.	
4.24	A Heaving Line 15 m – 25 m length readily accessible to cockpit.	
4.25	A strong, Sharp Knife , readily accessible from deck or a cockpit.	
4.26.3	Materials in Storm & Heavy weather Sails: Aromatic polyamides, carbon and similar fibres shall not be used in a trysail or storm jib.	
4.26.4	Storm trysail with sail number and letters, or mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 40% .	OPTIONAL
4.26.4	Heavy-weather jib of area not greater than 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared and without reef points. Alternative method of attachment to the stay.	OPTIONAL
5.01.1	Lifejacket for each crew member: ISO 12402 requires Level 150 lifejackets to be fitted with a mandatory whistle and retro-reflective material. Also, when fitted with a safety harness, ISO 12402 requires that this shall be the full safety harness in accordance with ISO 12401. Any equivalent lifejacket shall have equal requirements. Fitted with either a crotch strap(s) / thigh straps or a full safety harness in accordance with ISO 12401, Fitted with a lifejacket light, Clearly marked with the yacht's or wearer's name	
6.05.3	At least one member of the crew shall be familiar with First Aid procedures , hypothermia and relevant communications systems (see OSR 6.02.7, 6.03.4)	

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