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## Yachting Australia 2009-2013 Special Regulations

### Summary of Major Changes

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This Summary is a guide only and each regulation must be referred to for the full wording.

TOPIC	REG	CHANGE	NOTES
Interpretations	1.01.5	Have status of regulations and inclusion in Regulations	
Definitions Trailable	1.03.1	Trailable boat; simplified definition for the purpose of the regulations only.	
Moveable, Static and Variable Ballast	1.03.1	Previous amendments to 2005-2008 now included as part of Definitions.	
Auditors	2.02.1	Accreditation of Auditors now recognised	
Inspection limits	2.02.2	Inspections by Auditors/Inspectors	

		limited to certain sections and parts of the regs.	
Variable Ballast equipment Cat 1-7	3.01.5	Ballast tanks, valves and sea cocks to be installed, Applies to cats 1-7	
Section 3 Structural Features	3.01.1 to 3.01.5	Now contained as Part 1 of Section 3. See 2.02.2	
Section 3 Structural Features	3.01.6 to 3.28	Now contained as Part 2 of Section 3. See 2.02.2	
Moveable Ballast equipment cat 1-7	3.01.6	Control systems, Actuators & Restraints to be installed, Applies to cats 1-7	
Ballast systems certification & Inspection Cats 1-7	3.01.7	Designer's certificate to be carried on board and 27 monthly inspections to be carried out.	
Hull Construction Cats 1-2	3.03.1(c)	ISO 12215 cat A added as a standard	
Resistance to Capsize cat 1-6	3.04.1	Appendix B (previously D) applies to cats 1-6 With use of Screening Value as preliminary guide in cats 3-6	
Resistance to capsize cat 7	3.04.2	Cat 7 to be resistant to capsize and to have ballasted keel, ballasted centreboard or internal ballast.	
Unavailable Exit forward of mast	3.06.1(a)ii	YA may approve alternative position. MYA no longer has authority.	
Exit - diameter	3.06.1(c)	As from 07/2010 clearance	

		diameter 450mm.	
Exit - diameter multihulls	3.06.4(a)	As from 07/2010 clearance diameter 450mm changed from recommended to mandatory.	
Off centre deck hatches cat 1& 2	3.07.2(a)ii	Cat 1 & 2, four (4) off centreline non complying hatch permitted with conditions.	
Off centre deck hatches cat 3-6	3.07.2(a)iii	Cat 3-6, off centreline non complying hatch, permitted with conditions.	
Companionway Lid/cover cat 1-5	3.07.2(b)	Cats 1-5; requirements how to secure, amplified.	
Down flooding analysis cat 1&2	3.07.2(c)	Down flooding analysis certificate to be carried on board for boats Age Date 07/2010; a new requirement.	
Low companionway step/sill cat 1-4	3.07.3	Where sill is below local sheerline blocking devices permitted with open stern or closed cockpits; open stern cockpits with companionway low sill now permitted previously banned.	
Companionway hatch securing	3.07.4	Cats 1-5, Sliding hatch to be secured; Cat 1-3 independent of washboards; previously regulation clarified	
Cockpit construction	3.08.1 3.08.2	Requirements extended to cats 5 & 6	
Bilge Pump	3.08.3	Requirement to carry extended to cats 5 & 6	
Cockpit sole above LWL	3.08.4	Requirement to comply extended to cats 5 & 6	

Lockers part of cockpit volume	3.08.5	Requirement extended to cats 5 & 6	
Plugs for fittings	3.09.1(b)	Size of plug increased for through hull fittings	
Forestay position And open pulpits	3.12.3(a)	Cats 1-4; Position of forestay behind, in or forward of opening specified and permitted gap in open pulpits specified.	
Stepped down pushpits cat 1-4	3.12.3(b)	Cats 1-4; stepped down pushpits not permitted; height of top rail specified.	
Lifeline coverings	3.12.6(a)	Moulded coverings prohibited for all lifelines; previous grandfather clause of installation date removed.	
Lifeline tie off lanyards	3.12.6(d)	Lanyards used to secure/tie off lifelines to be replaced annually.	
Lifeline Diameter	3.12.6(e)	Where lifelines are installed the requirement is extended to cats 5-7	
Bunks	3.16.1	Need to be IMS compliant, deleted.	
Gas detection system	3.17.4(b)	Any system of detection permitted for installations since 07/2001. Use of only AG601 Appendix K, deleted	
Disposable gas canisters	3.17.5	Portable canisters not greater than 225 grams; use permitted below decks.	
Storage of gas bottles	3.17.6	Place and method of storage including spare canisters, prescribed.	

Bilge pump cat 5	3.20.8	Cat 5 where the underfloor area not accessible by bucket, bilge pump to be carried.	
Buckets	3.20.9	Capacity reduced to 8 litres. Note local Law may require minimum of 9 litres.	
Power of bulb for Navigation lights	3.23.1	Bulb power requirements apply to filament bulbs only not LED arrays.	
LED navigation lights	3.23.5	Spare bulbs for LED arrays excepted.	
Outboard motor mounting cats 3-5	3.24.4	Only applies to motors mounted out board. Does not apply to outboard motors in cockpit wells.	
Fuel cat 3 & 6	3.24.5	Minimum recommended extended to cat 6; NoR may specify minimum extended to cat 3.	
Generators	3.24.7	Where installed, requirements for covering, exhausts and fuel supply prescribed	
Fuel tank cock	3.24.8	An additional cock required on top of tank if a fracture of the fuel line will permit fuel to siphon through top of tank.	
Inboard tanks for outboard motors	3.24.9	Inboard tanks now permitted for outboard motors subject to installation, venting and other requirements.	
VHF masthead aerials cat 1-4	3.25.3	For masts 11 metres above the water, masthead installations mandatory cats 1-3, recommended	

		for cat 4	
Aerials embedded in backstays		Previous prohibition deleted.	
Handheld VHF Cat 5	3.25.4	Cat 5 handheld VHF radios permitted attached to boat by lanyard	
Batteries types	3.26.1	Reference to 'gel' filled batteries deleted. Now requires Liquid electrolyte not to escape.	
Hull ID multihulls cat 1-4	3.28.3	Multis for cats 1-4 to have 2 x coloured patches on underside of hulls with placement & size specified.	
Fire extinguisher rating	4.4.1(a)	All extinguishers to be rated 10BE.	
Fire blanket	4.04.1(d)	Only required if cooking facilities carried.	
Extinguisher servicing	4.04.1  REGULATION NOTE:	First service only required 2 years from date of manufacture; NoR may require service certificate to be carried on board.	
Anchors-stowage	4.05.1	Regulation re-worded, 'ready for immediate use' no longer specified	
Anchors-demountable	4.05.1(c)	Demountable anchors permitted provided primary anchor is carried assembled.	
Spare flashlight bulbs etc cat 6-7	4.06.3	Cats 6 & 7 spare bulbs and battery not required	
Medical Kits	4.07.3	Contents to be minimum as per 4.07.8	

Medical Kit contents cat 1-7	4.07.8	All categories; numerous items added or replaced and deleted. Refer to the detailed regulation	
Radar Reflector	4.09.1	Reflector specifications deleted	
List of Lights alternative	4.10.1	Navigational charts with details of lights permitted as alternative to List of Lights	
YA Racing Rules Book	4.10.3	Need not be carried in 'open' boats.	
EPIRBs & registration	4.18.1	Requirement to carry extended to cat 3, Type 406 only, AMSA registration tag to be attached	
EPIRBs number of	4.18.2	Number of units to be carried extended to cat 2.	
EPIRB training	4.18.3	Crew to be trained in use.	
Lifebuoys	4.21	Type and specifications now stated.	
Lifebuoys inflatable	4.21.1(e)	Inflatable type not permitted	
MOM modules	4.21.	No longer referred to; see 4.21.1(e)	
Drogue-sea anchor cat 1-3	4.25.1	Recommended to be carried in cats 1-3	
PFDs cat 1-4	5.01.1	Over the head type banned. As from 07/2009 NEW PFDs and as from 07/2011 ALL PFDs must be 150N rated and comply with floating position of ISO	
Overseas PFDs	5.01.2	Cats 1-7 Equivalent overseas standard acceptable.	
Inflatable PFDs	5.01.5	Cats 1-7 Gas inflation mandatory.	

PFDs <b>non</b> inflatable cats 1-7	5.01.6(b)	Annual check by owner for serviceability	
Spare PFDs Cats 1-4	5.01.7	One spare PFD for at least 10% of crew.	
Safety lines (tethers)	5.02.2	Each to have snap hook 1 metre from wearer OR additional tethers for 30% of crew. As from 07/2013 ALL tethers to have additional snap hook 1 metre from wearer.	
Personal Lights Cat 1-3 & N	5.03.1	Extended as mandatory for cats 1,2,3 and 5 at night.	
PLBs cat 1-2	5.05.1 5.05.2	Personal Locator Beacons 406 type, mandatory for cats 1 & 2; includes specification and registration tag to be attached.	
Training-SSSC	6.01.1	Extended to cat 2 with 30% of crew to be trained SSSC.	
MOB training	6.01.2	Recommend for all categories.	
Resistance to capsizing	Appendix B (formerly D)	Additional methods of establishing compliance affecting all categories.	
<b>PART 2- OFF THE BEACH BOATS AND SMALL KEEL BOATS/TRAILABLES</b>			
Change of Regulations prohibited	1.01.3	Class or Association rules are not permitted to change or reduce the regulations.	
Small Open Ballasted Boats & Small Trailable	1.03	New definitions of the types.	

Boats			
PFDs type 3	5.01.2	Type 3-AS 2260 not permitted after 07/2011	
PFD standards	5.01.2	Equivalent overseas standards permitted	
Inflatable PFDs	5.01.3	Not permitted	