

2025 Amendments to World Sailing Category 3 Monohull  
Offshore Special Regulations w/Canadian Prescriptions 2024–2025

3.02.4	Structural Inspection	Prepend “Recommended:”
3.04	Stability	Prepend “Recommended:”  May be updated in next revision. Stability resource to be created on BC Sailing website in the interim.
3.18.2	Toilet	Replace word “Permanently” with word “Securely.”
3.19.2	Bunks	Replace word “Permanently” with word “Securely.”
3.20	Cooking Facilities	Replace word “Permanently” with word “Securely.”
3.21.1	Drinking Water Tanks	Replace word “Permanently” with word “Securely.”
3.21.3	Emergency Drinking Water	Prepend “Recommended:”
3.24 a)	Permanently Installed Compass	Altered to recommend a deviation card.
3.27.1/3.27.2	Navigation Lights	Replace with “Shall carry navigation lights required by its national safety authority, mounted so that they will not be obscured by the sails.”
3.28.1 e)	Propulsion Engines	Append “the propulsion system must be ready for immediate use.”
3.29.1	Hand-held marine VHF	Append “This VHF transceiver must be DSC capable.”
3.29.7	AIS	Prepend with “Recommended:”  Append “Events may declare a requirement on a course-basis or division basis in their NOR or Event Rules document altering OSR 3.29.7 if there is an expectation of all boats on the course being capable of broadcasting an AIS signal. BC Category 3 events desire to enact an unaltered OSR AIS requirement by 2026.”
4.01.2	Sail Letters & Numbers	Prepend with “Recommended:”  Append “Events may elect to enact a rule stating ‘All Boats shall display their official sail numbers on both the port and starboard lifelines or hull while racing. The size of these sail numbers shall be similar to that required by RRS Appendix G1.2.’ in their NoR or Event Rules document altering OSR 4.01.2.”
4.05.2	Fire Fighting Equipment	Replace with “Fire extinguishers that meet its national safety authority requirements for the size of boat.”
4.06.1	Anchors	Replace “2 un-modified anchors” with “1 un-modified anchor.”
4.10.1 c)	Radar Reflector	Append “, or” to c);

		Add “d)	A tubular radar reflector is acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical.”
4.22.2 a)	GPS Crew Overboard Position	Changed to require for all boats.	
4.23	Pyrotechnic Signals	Replace with “A boat shall carry the number and type of flares required by its national safety authority for day and night requirements at a minimum. If no expiry date stamped, not older than 4 years.”	
4.26.1	Storm Trysail/Mainsail Reefing	Prepend “Recommended:”	
6.01.2	Training	Append	“Note: <i>For US registered boats, valid certificates from US Sailing "Safety at Sea - Coastal" course (either in-person or online) are acceptable.</i> ”

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