

**WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS INSPECTION CARD - CATEGORY 4**

Category 4: Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters normally held in daylight (OSR 2.01.5)  
 The present inspection card is based on World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2026-2027

Yacht: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 Person in charge/Owner/Skipper/Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person in charge substitute (OSR 1.02.1): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of crew members: \_\_\_\_\_

The full compliance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR, [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)) is the sole responsibility of the person in charge and it cannot be limited to the present inspection card (OSR 1.02). The OSR do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of governmental authority, or any other rules or regulations (OSR 1.01.2).

All equipment required by OSR shall function properly and, if it has expiry date, it will not exceed the expiry date while racing (OSR 2.04.1).

Show the following:	OSR §	Comment
Heavy items shall be permanently installed or securely fastened.	2.04.2	
Marine magnetic compass, permanently installed & independent of power supply.	3.24a	
Navigation lights mounted above sheerline and so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the boat. Spare bulbs (not required for LED).	3.27.2 3.27.4	
Batteries installed after 2011 shall be of the sealed type from which liquid electrolyte cannot escape. At the start, a boat with an electric engine shall carry sufficient capacity to meet electrical requirements for the duration of the race and to motor at the min speed for at least 5 hrs.	3.28.4a, 3.28.4b	
Hand-held marine VHF, watertight or with waterproof cover.	3.29.2	
A second radio receiver capable of receiving weather bulletins.	3.29.4	
A tapered soft wood plug stowed adjacent to every through-hull opening.	4.03	
2 fire extinguishers, in different parts of the boat. A fire blanket adjacent to every cooking device.	4.05.3,.1	
First Aid Kit & Manual, suitable for the conditions, duration of the passage and the number of crew.	4.08	
Foghorn. An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat. Knife strong & sharp, sheathed & securely restrained, readily accessible from the deck/cockpit.	4.09, 4.16 4.25	
Radar reflector: octahedral (with plates circular 30cm or rectangular 40cm) or of min 2m <sup>2</sup> documented radar cross-section.	4.10.1	
Navigational charts and chart plotting equipment. If electronic-only, an independent alternative is on board. Depth sounder.	4.11.2 4.13.2	
A safety equipment location diagram in durable waterproof material, clearly displayed in the main accommodation, marked with the location of principal items of safety equipment.	4.12	
Pyrotechnic signals: 2 orange smoke (in absence of expiry date: not older than 4 years).	4.23a	
Lifejacket of appropriate size range for each crewmember, gas inflatable (manual or automatic), complies w/ ISO 12402-3 Level 150, manufactured after 2011. Fitted with crotch/thigh straps, reflective material, whistle and lifting loop (all complying w/ISO 12402-3 or 12402-8). Indelibly marked boat's or wearer's name.	5.01.1 4.17 4.18	
Either Mainsail Reefing to reduce the luff by 12.5%, Or Heavy Weather Jib, with unreefed area $\leq 13.5\% \times (\text{height of foretriangle})^2 \cong 13.5\% \times IG^2$ , with readily available method, independent of a luff groove, to attach to the stay (or rotating wing mast if suitable or heavy-weather sail in a boat with no forestay). <i>Heavy weather jib area shall be calculated as:</i> $0.255 \times \text{luff length} \times (\text{luff perpendicular} + 2 \times \text{half width}) = 0.255 \times HLU \times (HLP + 2 \times HHW)$ .	4.26.4 4.27.3	
Anchor: One, based on the boat's dimensions, with suitable combination of chain and rope, ready for immediate assembly, and ready for deployment within 5 minutes.	4.06.2	
Blocking devices of hatches: secured to the boat (e.g. by lanyard) for the duration of the race.	3.08.4b(ii)	
Lifelines: Two (for L <sub>H</sub> ≥ 8.5m) or One (for L <sub>H</sub> < 8.5m), uncoated stainless steel wire (or HMPE with min outside diameter 6mm for L <sub>H</sub> < 8.5m, or 7mm for L <sub>H</sub> ≥ 8.5m, protected from chafe and spliced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations). Taut (upper or single lifeline: 5cm/4kg in the middle, intermediate: 12cm/4kg in the middle). If securing with lanyard, shall be replaced annually and the gap must not exceed 100mm.	3.14.1b(iv) 3.14.1i 3.14.3	
Two strong buckets, each with a lanyard and of at least 9 liters capacity.	3.23.1a	
One manual bilge pump, with handle retained by a lanyard, operable with all cockpit seats, hatches etc shut.	3.23.1d 3.23.5, .2	
Lifebuoy with a self-igniting light, a whistle and a drogue. Within reach of the helmsman and ready for immediate use. With the yacht's name and marine grade retro-reflective material.	4.22.3 4.17, 4.18	
Heaving line 15-25m long, diameter ≥ 6mm, readily accessible to cockpit.	4.22.4	
<i>At least two crewmembers shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems.</i>	6.05.3	