

# Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2017-2021 Summary of Changes



This document is intended to summarise and highlight the changes in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations (SR) 2013-2016 in comparison with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2013-2017. Category or categories are abbreviated to 'Cat'.

The Special Regulations are now only issued by Australian Sailing in an online format at <http://www.sailing.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/161220-Special-Regulations-Part-1-Keelboats-2.pdf>. The document has links in the table of contents which jump straight to the specific regulation marked, and links are also provided where one regulation refers to another.

## Section 1

1.01.3(a) 'Yachting Australia' has changed to 'Australian Sailing' and 'race committee' has changed to 'organising authority'

1.01.3(b) Variations must have the written approval of Australian Sailing. The reference to Member Yachting Association of Yachting Australia (MYA) has been removed. Clauses (c) and (d) have been replaced as follows:

1.01.3(c) Moved from 1.01.3(e)

1.01.3(d) 2013-2017 Amendment 3 adopted to highlight that an organising authority for a cruising event may develop its own safety guide, vary the Safety Regulations, or use compliance with the SR for a nominated race category.

1.02 Change of title from 'Owner's Responsibility' to 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge'.

### 1.03 Definitions

Deleted	Change	Added
LOA	Trailable Boat - definition now includes multihulls	LH - Hull length as defined by the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
		Primary Launch - Month and year of the first launch of the first boat of the production series or first launch of a non-series boat.

### 1.04 Abbreviations

Change	Added
RRS - Current Racing Rules of Sailing	EPFS - Electronic Position Fixing System
	ERS - Current Equipment Rules of Sailing
	HMPE - High-Modulus Polyethylene
	MMSI - Maritime Mobile Service Identifier

## Section 2

2.01 Term 'race committee' changed to 'organising authority'.

2.02 Heading changed from 'Inspection' to 'Inspection and monitoring'.

2.02.4 Regulation moved from 3.25.8.

### Section 3

3.03 Hull construction standards and flotation requirements changed to improve consistency with World Sailing requirements.

3.05.4 LOA changed to LH throughout regulation.

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3.07.1(b) Hatches windows and ports which are greater than 0.071m<sup>2</sup> and open inwards (not compliant with 3.07.1(a)) can be clearly labelled "NOT TO BE OPENED AT SEA".

3.07.2(c) Deleted. Boats with an Age or Series Date of 07/2010 or later are no longer required to carry a downflooding analysis.

3.12.3(a)(iii) Changed to the following, "A bow pulpit may be open provided the opening between the pulpit and any part of the boat does not exceed 360 mm.". Alters slightly the method of how to measure open pulpits.

3.17.3(a) A wording change with no overall effect on the meaning.

3.18.4 A change from the requirement to carry 9 litres of water to at least 1 litre of water per crew member in addition to that required by clauses 3.18.2 and 3.18.3.

3.21.1 Compass no longer required for Cat 5.

3.23.1 A wording change with no overall effect on the meaning.

3.25.1 (c) Where permanently installed, DSC HF/VHF transceivers shall be programmed with the MMSI (unique to the boat), connected to a GPS where permanently installed, capable of making distress alert calls, as well as sending a receiving a DSC position report.

3.25.4(a) VHF transceivers maximum output power rating is to be a minimum of 25 watts (wording correction).

3.25.4(b) All VHF transceivers require a a mast head antenna for Cat 1-3. Cat 4 & 5 removed and regulation no longer subject to mast height.

3.25.6(a) VHF handheld transceivers maximum output power rating is to be a minimum of 5 watts (wording correction).

3.25.7 There is to be at least two means of receiving weather bulletins.

#### 3.25.9 Licenced Operators

Category	Licence Required	Operators
1	Long range operators licence (LROCP)	2
2		1
3,4	Short Range Operators VHF certificate (SROCP) or Australian Waters Qualification (AWQ)	1
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A Marine Radiotelephony Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) is an acceptable equivalent to the LROCP.

A Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVCP) is an acceptable equivalent to the SROCP.

A Restricted Radiotelephony Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (RROCP) is an acceptable equivalent to the MROCP.

## Section 4

- 4.01.1 Change from YA and ISAF rules to RRS 77 and Appendix G.
- 4.01.2 Portable sail number no longer required for Category 4.
- 4.04 Fire Extinguisher Australian Standards no longer referenced. Reference to LPG or petrol below decks removed. Servicing is recommended.
- 4.06.1(i) A watertight, high-powered spotlight now required for Cat 1-3.
- 4.07.6 The person in charge is recommended to assess if there is sufficient first aid experience to meet the expected conditions for the voyage.
- 4.07.9 Required syringes reduced to 5 for Cat 1 and 2. An additional 15 syringes to be carried (to make a total of 20) if Morphine and Naloxone Hydrochloride ampoules are required by Notice of Race. Size of syringe no longer specified and changed to 'appropriately sized'.
- 4.09 A change which commenced 1 July 2015 - AIS required for Cat 1 and recommended for Cat 2.
- 4.10.2 The "International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea" can now be electronic or hardcopy.
- 4.10.3 The "Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing" and "Special Regulations Part 1" can now be electronic or hardcopy.
- 4.11.3 (a) For Category 1 & 2, 'A yacht shall be equipped with an EPFS (e.g. GPS) capable of recording a person overboard within 10 seconds and monitoring that position'. Creates provisions for the yacht's GPS.
- 4.16.2 and 4.17 'PFD' changed to 'lifejacket'.
- 4.18.1 A change which commenced 1 July 2015 - EPIRBs must be GPS capable.
- 4.19 The order of presentation for the liferaft regulation has changed with additional changes as follows:
- 4.19.1(a)(iii) ISAF rafts are now 'grandfathered' i.e. ISAF rafts manufactured from 2016 onwards cannot be used. All other ISAF rafts can be used until taken out of service.
  - 4.19.4(a)(iii) ISO standard valise rafts no longer have a 1 year service restriction with the maximum service interval extended to 3 years
  - 4.19.4(a)(iii) Hired ISO standard valise liferafts must be serviced annually
  - 4.19.4(a)(iv) ISAF liferafts must now be serviced annually
- 4.24 Numbering changed. Multihull trysail exception absorbed into 4.24.1(c). Categories 4 and 5 variously removed from construction and setting requirements.
- 4.24.1(b) Mainsail reefing to 50% is now accepted in lieu of trysail (Cat 1 & 2).
- 4.24.1(c) A heavy weather jib no longer required for Cat 5.
- 4.27 Distress sheet no longer required for Cat 5 and 6.
- 5.01.1 Order of presentation of the regulation has changed.
- 5.01.1(f) Only 1 spare lifejacket required now with spare cylinder and spare auto activation head if appropriate.
- 5.05 A change which commenced 1 July 2015 - all PLBs are required to be GPS capable for Cat 1, 2.