

Amendment #1 to the Polar Bear Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2018
– 2019:

Change SI 1.2 and NOR 1.2 to read:

- 1.2** All boats must comply with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard regulations, and [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 with Sail Canada Prescriptions](#), and as amended in this section.
- (a) A tubular type, commercially available radar reflector permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical and meeting the minimum effective height requirement shall be considered compliant with OSR 4.10.1.
 - (b) Compliance with 4.26.2(a)(ii) (alternative means to attach the luff to the stay) is recommended but shall not be required. A roller furling headsail or #3 or smaller jib, suitable for heavy weather, shall be considered compliant with OSR 4.26.2(a).
 - (c) Lifejackets or PFDs meeting applicable government requirements shall be considered compliant with OSR 5.01.1 (lifejacket specifications), provided that
 - i. inflatable devices are fitted with crotch or thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS));
 - ii. inherently buoyant devices are fitted with crotch or thigh straps (ride up prevention system (RUPS)) or if the user has taken alternative measures to ensure the device does not ride up;
 - (d) A propulsion engine is required. While racing, a boat shall also carry sufficient fuel for safety purposes such as crew-overboard recovery and to motor from the farthest point on the course to the host venue docks, the boat's home port, or a safe harbour, whichever is closer, in the forecasted conditions.
 - (e) Carriage of the number of fire extinguishers required by law shall be considered as compliant with OSR 4.05.2 (Fire Fighting Equipment).
 - (f) A depth sounder is recommended. This changes rule OSR 4.13.2 (Depth, Speed and Distance Instruments).
 - (g) Carriage of the pyrotechnic signals required by law shall be considered as compliant with OSR 4.23 (pyrotechnic and light signals). SOLAS flares are permissible but not required.
 - (h) Boats designated as one design by World Sailing, whose one design class rule conflicts with OSR section 3 requirements (structural features, stability, fixed equipment):

- i. shall not be penalized for non-compliance with OSR section 3 that is a result of conflict with their one design class rule,
- ii. shall have all crew wearing lifejackets or PFDs while racing,
- iii. shall carry at least two thermal protective aids or other devices for treating crew following a crew overboard incident,
- iv. in the absence of class rule compliance with OSR 3.14 (pulpit, stanchion and lifelines), shall carry at least one harness and safety line (tether) and have attachment point(s) to reduce crew overboard risk when working forward of the mast.

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