

## **FYCA Yacht Safety Regulations Issue 3**

Following a number of incidents in 2008, the FYCA Executive requested a review of the Regulations. The changes have been recommended by the FYCA Safety Committee, authorised for publication by the FYCA Executive and will be on the agenda at the Spring Delegates Meeting for ratification by club representatives. In the meantime you should assume that they will apply for 2009. Changes are outlined in the Amendment Record on page 2 and highlighted by margin markers.

Key changes are:

1. Revised definition of FYCA Cat 4 and Cat 4R type races.
2. For both Cat 4 and Cat 4R events, yachts already fitted with stanchions and lifelines must comply with para 3.10\*R. Amongst other requirements, the original para 3.10 had always specified that lifelines shall be stainless steel wire (Webbing lifelines are not acceptable as the sole lifeline).
3. Para 3.15\*R now specifies two bilge pumps for yachts >8.5M LOA
4. Para 3.20\*R now specifies at least a hand-held VHF marine transceiver for Cat 4R events.

All FYCA FIG yacht races are mandated as Cat 4 and any other open events, recognised by the FYCA, shall specify at least Cat 4R. Clubs are recommended to specify Cat 4R for club races.

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