

YV Advisory notes to the YA Special Regulations 2009-2012

The Yachting Australia Special Regulations 2009-2012 (“**2009 Special Regulations**”) are effective from 1 July 2009 and prescribe:

- § in Part 1 the uniform minimum equipment, accommodation and training standards for racing keel and trailable boats (including monohulls and multihulls) and serve as a guide for cruising boats; and
- § in Part 2, the minimum equipment, behavioural and qualification standards for Off The Beach boats and Small Open Ballasted Boats whilst racing, proceeding to and from the race course and while training.

Every boat shall comply as a minimum with the 2009 Special Regulations for the category of race deemed by the race committee to be the most suitable for the type of race to be sailed.

Some regulations permit alternative standards or solutions for compliance with the regulations and in these circumstances, Yachting Victoria may issue an advisory note to clubs and class associations.

The following advisory notes to the 2009 Special Regulations are issued by the Yachting Victoria Board and remain valid until 30 June 2013 or earlier notice.

hAcceptable alternative standards for PFD's

SR 5.01.2 and SR 5.01.3 of Part 1 and SR 5.01.2 of Part 2 provide for Category 5-7 events that each PFD Type 1, PFD Type 2 or PFD Type 3 (as appropriate) may comply with an overseas standard endorsed by the Australian Transport Council provided it is branded with the appropriate standard authority's mark of approval.

A **PFD Type 1** designed and manufactured in accordance with one of the following recognised standards is acceptable, provided it is marked and labelled in English in accordance with the requirements for labelling and marking contained in AS 2259 or AS 1512 as appropriate:

- § New Zealand Standards (NZ5823:2001 Type 401).
- § CEN (European) Standards (EN ISO 12402 (replaced EN 395, EN 396 and EN 399))
- § ISO Standards (ISO 12402).
- § Canadian General Standards (CAN/CGSB-65.11-M88, PFDs for adults and CAN/CGSB-65.15-M88, PFDs for children).
- § Underwriters Laboratories Standards (UL 1180).

Inflatable PFDs that rely solely on oral inflation for buoyancy are not acceptable.

A **PFD Type 2** designed and manufactured in accordance with CEN (European) Standards (EN ISO 12402 (replaced EN 393)) is acceptable, provided it is marked and labelled in English in accordance with the requirements for labelling and marking contained in AS 2259 or AS 1499 as appropriate

Notes:

The above standards for PFD Type 1 and PFD Type 2 are also accepted under the *Marine Regulations 1999* (Vic).

In accordance with the *Marine Regulations 1999 (Vic)* a person on an off-the-beach sailing yacht (defined as an unballasted open sailing boat, including a centerboard dinghy, skiff and multihull yacht, but does not include a cabin boat, fixed keel vessel, kite board or sail board) must wear a PFD Type 1 or PFD Type 2 at all times when the vessel is underway. A PFD Type 3 is not acceptable in Victoria.

Under the 2009 Special Regulations, PFD Type 3 will not be acceptable after 07/2011.

Under the 2009 Special Regulations for Category 1-4 events, all new PFD's and from 07/2011 all PFD's shall be at least 150N buoyancy in accordance with ISO 12402-3 (performance level 150) or equivalent. For persons of larger than average build a PFD in accordance with ISO 12402-2 (performance level 275) should be considered.

Where there is a difference between the PFD to be worn as prescribed by the *Marine Regulations 1999 (Vic)*, the 2009 Special Regulations and Class Rules, the higher standard prevails.