

AUSTRALIAN SAILING
Amendment to the Special Regulations

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PART 1, SECTION 4 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Regulation 4.20

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4.20 GRAB BAGS TO ACCOMPANY LIFERAFTS

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- (a) A yacht is ~~recommended~~required to have for each liferaft, a grab bag. A grab bag should have inherent flotation, at least 0.1m² area of a safety colour in the yellow - red range ~~fluorescent orange colour on the outside~~, should be marked with the name of the yacht, and should have a lanyard and clip.

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- (b) NOTE: It is not intended to duplicate in a grab bag items required by other Special Regulations to be on board the yacht - these recommendations cover only the stowage of those items.

4.20.2 Grab Bag Recommended Contents

The grab bag should be stored in an easily accessible, protected location and crew should be briefed on the location and contents of the grab bag. The following contents should be considered for inclusion and should be appropriately packed and waterproofed.

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- (a) *Two red parachute and ~~Two~~ two red hand flares and cyalume type chemical light sticks*
- (b) *A waterproof handheld GPS in at least one of the grab bags carried by a yacht*
- (c) *A SART (Search and Rescue Transponder) in at least one of the grab bags carried by a yacht*
- (d) *A GPS capable 406MHz EPIRB in at least one of the grab bags carried by a yacht*
- (e) *Water in re-sealable containers or a hand-operated desalinator plus containers for water*
- (f) *A watertight handheld marine VHF transceiver plus a spare*

set of batteries

- (g)** *A watertight flashlight with spare batteries and bulb*
- (h)** *Thermal protective aids or survival bags*
- (i)** *Two safety tin openers (if appropriate)*
- (j)** *A first-aid kit including sunscreen and seasickness tablets.*
- (k)** *A daylight signalling mirror*
- (l)** *Some high-energy food*

NOTE: ***Additional recommended items for long Category 1 races***

- (m)** *A handheld satellite telephone with waterproof cover and internal batteries*
- (n)** *A strobe light*
- (o)** *Medical supplies for pre-existing medical conditions of any crew member*
- (p)** *Spare unbreakable spectacles for any crew members needing them*
- (q)** *Four additional red parachute flares, three white parachute flares, two orange smoke flares*