

Offshore Special Regulations

3.14.7 Pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines

A submission from Yachting Australia

Purpose or Objective

Repeal the limitation on carbon fibre in pulpits, stanchions and lifelines.

Proposal

Delete OSR 3.14.7 pulpits, Stanchions, Lifelines – Limitations on Materials

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Current Position

OSR 3.14.7 limits the use of carbon fibre in pulpits, stanchions and lifelines.

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Reason

The limitation on the use of carbon fibre in pulpits, stanchions and lifelines is redundant due to advancements in composite engineering and manufacturing methods.

It should be noted that the OSR in its current form addresses pulpits, stanchions and lifelines. The effect of repealing the limitation and deleting 3.14.7 will provide for carbon fibre pulpits, stern pulpits, and or stanchions. Discussion with rope suppliers and riggers indicated that the limitation on carbon fibre lifelines is redundant anyway; such a product is not available on the market at all, and 3.14.6 does not permit it as an option.

See attached for a detailed report compiled by Yachting Australia, including tests on stainless steel and composite stanchions.