



ISAF Special Regulations sub-committee

INTERPRETATION No 1/2004 - Emergency Rudders

Question 1

Does OSR 4.15 Emergency Steering require an emergency rudder?

Answer 1

Not necessarily. The emphasis in 4.15.1 (b) is for an effective alternative method of steering to be devised and tested by the yacht so that a method is developed which is most suitable for each particular yacht and crew.

Question 2

A monohull yacht has a rudder and steering system forward and another rudder and steering system aft. How must she comply with 4.15 Emergency Steering?

Answer 2

In a monohull yacht with two entirely separate steering systems where either system is capable on its own of steering the yacht in all sea conditions,

- (i) the spare tiller envisaged in OSR 4.15 (a) is not required but is recommended unless an unbreakable metal tiller is installed as part of one of the separate steering systems and
- (ii) one of the separate steering systems may be counted as the alternative steering method defined in OSR 4.15.1 (b).

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