

## 2026 Amendments to World Sailing Category 3 Monohull Offshore Special Regulations w/Canadian Prescriptions 2026–2027

Sail Canada OSR page: <https://www.sailing.ca/special-regulations/>

OSR MO Cat 3 w/SC Prescriptions [https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Mo3\\_2026-2027\\_v1.pdf](https://www.sailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Mo3_2026-2027_v1.pdf)

3.02.4	Structural Inspection	Prepend “Recommended:”  Append “BC Category 3 events desire to enact an unaltered 3.02.4 requirement for 2027.”
3.04	Stability	Required in 2026: See <a href="https://www.sailing.ca/stability-screening/">https://www.sailing.ca/stability-screening/</a>
3.18.2	Toilet	Replace word “Permanently installed” with word “Securely fastened.”
3.19.2	Bunks	Replace word “Permanently installed” with word “Securely fastened.”
3.20	Cooking Facilities	Replace word “Permanently installed” with word “Securely fastened.”
3.21.1	Drinking Water Tanks	Replace word “Permanently installed” with word “Securely fastened.”
3.21.3	Emergency Drinking Water	Prepend “Recommended:”
3.24 a)	Permanently Installed Compass	Altered to recommend a deviation card.
3.27.1/3.27.2	Navigation Lights	Replace with “Shall carry navigation lights required by its national safety authority, mounted so that they will not be obscured by the sails.”
3.28.1 e)	Propulsion Engines	Append “the propulsion system must be ready for immediate use.”
3.29.1	Hand-held marine VHF	Append “It is recommended that this VHF transceiver be DSC capable.”
3.29.7	AIS Transponder	Required in 2026. See RRS 56.3
4.01.2	Sail Letters & Numbers	Prepend with “Recommended:”
4.05.2	Fire Fighting Equipment	Replace with “Fire extinguishers that meet its national safety authority requirements for the size of boat.”
4.06.1	Anchors	Replace “2 un-modified anchors” with “1 un-modified anchor.”
4.10.1 c)	Radar Reflector	Append “, or” to c);  Add “d)           A tubular radar reflector is acceptable if permanently mounted within 15 degrees of vertical.”

4.22.2 a)	GPS Crew Overboard Position	Changed to require for all boats.
4.23	Pyrotechnic Signals	Replace with “A boat shall carry the number and type of flares required by its national safety authority for day and night requirements at a minimum. If no expiry date stamped, not older than 4 years.”
4.26.3	Storm Trysail/Mainsail Reefing	Prepend “Recommended:”
6.01.3	Training	Append “Note: <i>For US registered boats, valid certificates from US Sailing "Safety at Sea - Coastal" course (either in-person or online) are acceptable.</i> ”

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