



Superyacht Racing Association

MAN OVERBOARD

We are recommending that organizers revisit the issue of man overboard instructions. Over the years man overboard language in superyacht regatta racing documents has come to look more like the J class language. The J's race without lifelines and have a RIB trailing each yacht. Yachts racing in the superyacht fleet need to cease racing, recover the MOB and/or minimize their distance to the MOB until the person is successfully recovered by another boat.

The 2018 Bucket instructions were revised to reflect this important safety issue. The current updated language and the prior year is provided here:

2018 BUCKET MOB LANGUAGE

20.1 Man-Overboard (MOB)

20.1.1 Each yacht's MOB procedure shall be practiced at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.

20.1.2 A yacht that has a man-overboard incident shall immediately stop racing. She shall either (a) recover the person or (b) coordinate the recovery of the person with another boat or tender. If the person is recovered by another boat, the yacht shall stand by in the vicinity of the incident.

20.1.3 The yacht captain and the operator of the boat that recovered the person may agree to delay the transfer of the person from the boat to the yacht for safety reasons. The transfer of the person from the recovery boat to the yacht may occur at any time during the race, after the yacht finishes or retires, or ashore. If the transfer is delayed, the yacht may resume racing when the person is safely on board the recovery boat. This changes RRS 47.2.

20.1.4 A yacht that has an MOB incident shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable and shall record the time, position, description and details of the incident in the Daily Declaration Form.

20.1.6 The circumstances of the recovery, whether by the yacht or another boat, will be reviewed by the race committee and jury who may add to the yacht's elapsed time when another boat recovers the man overboard.

2017 BUCKET MOB LANGUAGE

20.1 The yacht's man-overboard procedure should be practiced aboard each yacht at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.

20.2 In the event of a man-overboard during a race, a yacht tender or race committee boat in the immediate vicinity may recover the man overboard. Whether the man overboard is transferred back to the racing yacht, or not, will be at the discretion of the yacht's captain. This changes RRS 47.2. A man overboard shall be noted on the Daily Declaration Form. The circumstances of the recovery, whether by the yacht or another vessel, will be reviewed by the race committee and jury.