

RULES

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of High-Speed Craft (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come into force on 1 July 2024.

REVISION HISTORY

PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
Para 3.3.1	High-speed craft Fire-extinguishing media Foam concentrates	Requirement has been introduced on prohibited use of foam concentrates containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	IMO resolution MSC.537(107) Entry-into-force date: 01.01.2026
Para 3.5.7 (new)	High-speed craft Category A hydrofoils Water fire main system	New para has been introduced containing requirements for category A hydrofoils not engaged in the international voyages	
Para 5.1	High-speed craft Fire-extinguishing media Foam concentrates	Requirement has been introduced on prohibited application of foam fire extinguishers using foam concentrates containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	IMO resolution MSC.537(107) Entry-into-force date: 01.01.2026

PART VIII. SYSTEMS AND PIPING

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
Para 2.20 (new)	Hydrofoil boats of Category A Bilge system	Requirements have been introduced for the bilge system of boats not involved in international voyages	

PART VI. FIRE PROTECTION

3 FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Para 3.3.1 is amended as follows:

"**3.3.1** The use of a fire-extinguishing medium which either by itself or under expected conditions of use will adversely affect the earth ozone layer and/or gives off toxic gases in such quantities as to endanger persons is not permitted.

On craft contracted for construction on or after 01.01.2026, the use in the fixed foam fire-extinguishing systems or storage of foam concentrates containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) shall be prohibited."

New para 3.5.7 has been introduced reading as follows:

"**3.5.7** The category A hydrofoils not engaged in the international voyages need not be equipped with the water fire main system, provided their passenger capacity does not exceed 200 persons."

5 FIRE OUTFIT AND SPARE PARTS

Para 5.1 is amended as follows:

"**5.1** Control stations, public spaces, crew accommodation spaces, corridors and service spaces shall be provided with portable fire extinguishers of the Register-approved type complying with the requirements in 5.1.9, Part VI "Fire Protection" of the Rules for the Classification, except 5.1.9.3 and 5.1.9.4 for ships with gross tonnage below 500.

At least five portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and positioned so as to be accessible and available for immediate use. In addition, at least one fire extinguisher suitable for machinery space fires shall be positioned outside each machinery space entrance.

On craft contracted for construction on or after 01.01.2026, the application or storage of foam fire extinguishers using foam concentrates containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) shall be prohibited."

PART VIII. SYSTEMS AND PIPING

2 BILGE SYSTEM

New Para 2.20 is introduced reading as follows:

"**2.20** For the Category A hydrofoil boats not involved in international voyages, possessing a buoyancy reserve of not less than 100%, and for which 2.3.1 of Part I "Classification" is fulfilled, it is allowed to use two portable self-priming pumps of not less than 1,5 m³/h capacity each as drain facilities".

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