

YACHTING AUSTRALIA
CHANGES TO
 Yachting Australia
 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing

Issued on 28 June 2011 as Amendment no. 9
 Incorporating Amendments 3 and 8
 Effective from 28 June 2011

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

PART 1 – SECTION 4 – RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE

Page 239 **Regulation 4.17.1**
Delete the regulation and insert the following:

4.17.1.1.1 RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE

4.17.1	Marine grade retroreflective material shall be fitted to lifebuoys ,lifeslings, liferafts and is <i>recommended</i> on PFDs not required by a Standard to have such material.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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PART 1 – SECTION 5 – PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Amendments numbers 3 and 8 are revoked and incorporated in this amendment.

Page 248 **Regulation 5.01**
Delete the regulation and insert the following;

5.01 PESONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

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	PFD requirements vary between the States and Territories and it is <i>recommended</i> that before purchase and use it should be established that the PFD is acceptable under local law.	
5.01.1	Bulky inherently buoyant PFD's that are applied over the head (known as 'Mae West' type) are not acceptable	1 2 3 4
(a)	Each crew member shall have one personal flotation device (PFD) as follows:	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
(b)	A vest type PFD Type 1 of less than 150N for each member of the crew will be permitted until 07/2011.	1 2 3 4
(c)	(i) PFD Type 1 not less than 150N or AS4758 PFD (minimum Level 150) (for persons of larger than average build Level 275 PFD should be considered),	1 2 3 4
	(ii) PFD Type 1 as above arranged to securely suspend an unconscious person face upwards at	1 2 3 4

	approximately 45 degrees to the water surface in accordance with ISO 12402-3 .	
(d)	It is <i>recommended</i> that PFDs be fitted with a splashguard/sprayhood.	1 2 3 4
(e)	(i) A PFD shall be worn by each member of the crew when on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.	1 2 3
	(ii) It is strongly <i>recommended</i> that a PFD be worn by each member of the crew at times such as , but not limited to:	1 2 3
	a) When on deck alone	
	b) When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above	
	c) When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile	
(f)	A PFD Type 1 or AS4758 PFD (minimum Level 100) shall be worn by each member of the crew.	N
(g)	PFD Type 1, PFD Type 2, or AS4758 PFD (minimum Level 50) for each member of the crew.	5 6 7
(h)	On a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a PFD Type 1, PFD Type 2, or AS4758 PFD (minimum Level 50) shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck.	5 6
5.01.2	Each PFD shall comply with:-	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	(i) Australian Standard AS4758-2008 (minimum Level as specified); or	
	(ii) Australian Standard AS1512–1996 Type 1 or	
	(iii) Australian Standard AS1499-1996 Type 2 or	
	(iv) An equivalent or more stringent overseas standard,	
	And shall be branded with the respective standard authority's mark of approval.	
	A combined PFD Type 1 and Safety Harness may be used so long as it meets the respective standard for each.	
5.01.3	Each PFD shall have:-	1 2 3 4
	(i) Marine grade retroreflective tape;	
	(ii) A whistle attached;	1 2 3
	(iii) A crotch strap or thigh straps fitted.	
5.01.4	If inflatable, have a compressed gas inflation system.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
5.01.5	Each inflatable PFD shall be checked and serviced at the intervals as prescribed by the manufacturer.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	<i>Users of inflatable PFDs are advised to read the maintenance instructions provided with their PFD and undertake more frequent checks for PFDs that are regularly wet.</i>	

The RNLI has developed a guide for servicing and maintenance of inflatable PFDs.

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| 5.01.6 | Each PFD which is not an inflatable PFD shall be checked annually for serviceability. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| 5.01.7 | Each yacht shall carry a spare PFD or PFD(s) as required in SR 5.01.1(b) or 5.01.1(c) sufficient for at least 10% of the total number of persons on board (minimum one spare PFD). | 1 2 3 4 |

PART 2 – SECTION 5 – PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Page 299 **Regulation 5.01**
Delete the regulation including the ban on PFDs Type 3 and insert the following;

5.01 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

PFD requirements vary between the States and Territories and it is *recommended* that before purchase and use it should be established that the PFD is acceptable under local law.

5.01.1 All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, a personal flotation device (PFD) secured about their persons in a manner appropriate to the design of the device.

5.01.2 PFDs shall comply with one of the following:

- (a) Australian Standard AS4758-2008 ; or
- (b) Australian Standard AS1512-1996 for PFD Type 1; or
- (c) Australian Standard AS1499-1996 for PFD Type 2; or
- (d) Australian Standard AS2260-1996 for PFD Type 3; or
- (e) An equivalent or more stringent overseas standard

And

Shall be branded with the respective standard authority's mark of approval.

5.01.3 Inflatable PFDs shall not be used.

5.01.4 PFDs shall be maintained in good order.

5.01.5 PFDs shall be marked on the inside to identify their ownership. Preferably this should be the name of the individual owner and a contact telephone number; otherwise it shall be the name of the club or other organisation to which the PFD belongs.