

HAVEN SERIES 2014 – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Offshore Special Regulation Categories Applicable

Boats must meet the minimum standards laid out in the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations as follows:

- *For Haven Points series, and the Coastal Passage races:* – ‘OSR Category 4 Monohulls’ plus a functional engine, adequate fuel and a marine VHF transceiver.
- *For the **Mercator Trophy Passage Race**:* – ‘Category 3 Monohulls with Liferaft’.

The complete Offshore Special Regulations may be found on the ISAF website (www.sailing.org). Extracts of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft and Category 4 can also be found on the Haven Series website (www.havenseries.org).

Additional Requirements

A functioning engine and VHF radio are required for Category 4 races because of the proximity of commercial shipping in the deep-water channel. Race organisers in the Harwich area receive considerable cooperation from the Harwich Haven Authority and are maintaining a policy of keeping racing yachts out of the channel. (see Sailing Instructions “Additional Safety Responsibilities” and “Use of Engine to Keep Clear”).

Boats unable, through design, to comply with all the safety requirements of the Series must apply in writing to the Haven Series Committee at the above address for dispensation.

The Committee may impose alternative requirements

Safety Requirements Checklist

Haven Series Checklists for Category 3 or Category 4 races can be found on the Haven Series website (www.havenseries.org) and obtained from the Haven Series Secretary.

The relevant checklist is to assist the Owner to check the yacht and her equipment for compliance with the ISAF Special Regulations. A completed copy should be made available on board before the first race of the season.

Help with the implementation of the Offshore Special Regulations may be sought through the secretary. Pre-season advisory checks can be arranged.

Responsibility of Person in Charge

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather.

He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his incapacitation.

Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.