

SR 3.02 Watertight Integrity of Hull

Special Regulations, Part 1, Section 3, Structural Features, Stability

1. Issue

Australian Sailing’s clauses for keel inspection are inconsistent with [World Sailing’s Offshore Special Regulations \(OSR\)](#).

2. Recommendation

The National Safety Committee recommend Australian Sailing amend the Special Regulations by aligning its clauses regarding keel inspection with those in [World Sailing Offshore Regulation 3.02](#).

3. Reasons

- 1. To bring the Special Regulations into alignment with World Sailing’s OSR by adopting the clauses relating to keel inspections.
- 2. Structural inspections are set down by World Sailing and Australian Sailing is obliged to conform.
- 3. Given the changes are administrative, public consultation should not be required.

AUSTRALIAN SAILING
CHANGES TO
Australian Sailing Special Regulations

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PART 1, SECTION 3 STRUCTURAL FEATURES, STABILITY

Regulations 3.02 Watertight Integrity of Hull

Delete the text that has been ~~struck-out~~ and insert the text that has been underlined.

- 3.02.4

~~Effective 1 January 2022:~~ Structural Inspection – Consult the owner’s manual for any instructions for keel bolt checking and re-tightening. The following inspection to be conducted by a qualified person externally with the boat out of the water. Check that there are no visible stress cracks particularly around the keel, hull/keel attachment, hull appendages and other stress points, inside the hull, backing plates, bolting arrangements and keel floors. (See [Appendix C – Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedure](#))

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- 3.02.5

~~Effective 1 January 2022:~~ Evidence of a structural inspection in accordance with 3.02.4 within 24 months

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before the start of the race or after a grounding
whichever is the later.

- 3.02.6** ~~Effective 1 January 2022:~~ Inspection after Grounding – 1 2 3
an appropriately qualified person shall conduct an
internal and external inspection after each unintentional
grounding.