



## Special Regulations Interpretation 1

### Lifebuoy Poles

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#### Question:

Does the SOS Dan Buoy meet the Y.A. rules for a lifebuoy's pole and flag?

#### Answer:

According to the manufacturer's specifications, yes, however would be required to be attached to the lifebuoy.

Categories 1 and 2 require one lifebuoy within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use, equipped with a pole and flag in accordance with Amendment 6, SR 4.21.1(b).

If inflatable, the pole shall be automatically extended in less than 20 seconds. The flag shall fly at least 1.8m off the water. Manufacturer's specifications indicate that the SOS Dan Buoy appear to meet these requirements.

All poles shall be attached to the lifebuoy with 3m of floating line.

Refer to Amendment 6 at [www.yachting.org.au/specialregs](http://www.yachting.org.au/specialregs) for detailed lifebuoy Special Regulations.

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