

## 2022 Inboard Rule Change Proposal – S4

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Check all that apply:

General Safety Rule XX

General Racing Rule

Stock Class Technical Rule \*

Modified Class Technical Rule \*

Affected Class(es):

**Specific Rule Information:** [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

**Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:**

**Affected Rule:**

**3.5.2.1**

- **3.5.2.1** *The upper fifty percent (50%) of the helmet must be a single color of the following: yellow or fluorescent (high visibility) yellow or lime green or orange or international orange or fluorescent red. Competitors may put writing or artwork in an area across the front to the helmet directly above the opening. This area is not to exceed 8" wide x 2" high.*

**Proposed rule:**

Add to this rule: "Drivers in type 2, 3, or 4 capsules shall be exempt from this requirement."

**Reason for change:**

The purpose of this color requirement is to make it easier for a rescue team to locate a driver after a flip or other crash, when the driver is separated from the boat. Drivers in type 2, 3, and 4 capsules are not only restrained in the capsule, but the vast majority are tethered to the boat with their air line. These drivers will surface within a foot or two of their boat, making them easier to locate. If the IRC endorses this change, we would need to send it to the APBA rules committee to accept or reject the proposal as this is a General Racing Rule. They have waived this requirement for the Unlimited, Off Shore, and Special Events Category.

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