



IOCA UK National & Open Championships 2026

Notice to Competitors

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Technical - Class Rule 4.2(a) - Placement of Whistle with Vest, Bib or a Jacket Over the top of Personal Flotation Device

Source: Technical Committee

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Abstract:

"If a close fitting bib or vest is worn outside the personal flotation device, the whistle shall be carried securely attached to the personal flotation device and easily accessible."

Reason:

In the event of an incident, it is important that sailors can easily reach the whistle securely attached to their personal flotation device. When a whistle is stored in the personal flotation device pocket and a bib or similar vest is worn outside of the personal flotation device, the whistle becomes difficult to reach and takes some time to retrieve

Note:

Attachment: The whistle must stay tied or clipped directly to the personal flotation device.

No Pockets: You cannot store the whistle inside a pocket of the buoyancy aid if a bib covers it, as it takes too long to reach in an emergency.

Accessibility: Position the whistle near the shoulder or an exposed area so it remains easy to grab and blow even with the event bib over your vest

Reason is outlined in the Class Rule Amendment Document for the 2026 Rules
Which can be found [HERE](#), Amendment 21

Class Rules [HERE](#)

