

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 50.1(c) – Quick Release Trapeze Harness

A submission from the World Sailing Classes Committee Chair and the Equipment Committee Chair

Purpose or Objective

To move back the start date of the application of RRS 50.1(c) which requires quick release harnesses to comply with ISO 10862, as there are currently no compliant harnesses available on the market and it is unlikely that the situation will change in time for 1 January 2023.

Proposal

Amend RRS 50.1(c) as follows:

A trapeze harness worn by a competitor which may be used to support the competitor on a trapeze shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time. A class rule may change this rule to permit trapeze harnesses that are not of the quick release variety, but a class rule may not change the requirement that a quick release harness comply with ISO 10862.

~~Note: Rule 50.1(c) does not take effect until 1 January 2023.~~

Note: Rule 50.1(c) does not take effect until 1 January 2025.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. There are no quick release harnesses available on the market that comply with ISO 10862.
 2. The only other solution would be to opt-out of the requirement for a quick release harness altogether through changes in the class rules of all trapeze-classes. Once a class has opted-out it is unlikely that they will reintroduce quick release harnesses at a later stage.
 3. The submission gives the industry the required time to develop compliant quick release systems and World Sailing is encouraged to seek the dialogue with the industry to speed up development.
 4. A longer timeline also enables a review of ISO 10862, if deemed appropriate.
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