

**Racing Rules of Sailing** RRS 50.1(c)

A submission from the Chair of Classes Committee and 420

Class

Purpose or Objective

To remove the requirement for a trapeze harness to comply with an ISO standard for quick release from the RRS. This can be specified in class rules.

Proposal

Delete 50.1(c) and amend 50.2 as follows:

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**50.1 ...**

~~(c) 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 2025.~~

**50.2** Rules 50.1(b) and 50.1(c) ~~do~~ **does** not apply to boats required to be equipped with lifelines

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The RRS should not list any specific standards that can apply for parts of equipment. This can be highly restrictive and inflexible: standards may be changed or new ones may come into effect at any time while the RRS are normally updated every 4 years. The same approach is currently taken with personal flotation devices/life jackets, where there is a standard wording for class rules with specific acceptable standards listed.
  2. Classes may choose to require a harness to comply with appropriate standards and can do so by adding this to the class rules. The class rules may be updated at any time to take into account the current standards or new, more appropriate ones.
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