

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 50.1(b), 50.1(c)

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee and
the Chair of the Classes Committee

Purpose or Objective

Delete the requirement for a trapeze harness to comply with an ISO standard for quick release. Make it clear that harnesses used by wing foils, kiteboards and windsurfers are covered by this rule.

Proposal 1

Amend 50.1(b) as follows:

50 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

50.1 (a) [no change]

- (b) Furthermore, a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 8 kilograms, excluding a **crew harness (as defined in *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*)** ~~hiking or trapeze harness~~ and clothing (including footwear) worn only below the knee. Class rules or the notice of race may specify a lower weight or a higher weight up to 10 kilograms. Class rules may include footwear and other clothing worn below the knee within that weight. A **crew harness** ~~hiking or trapeze harness~~ shall have positive buoyancy and shall not weigh more than 2 kilograms, except that class rules may specify a higher weight up to 4 kilograms. Weights shall be determined as required by Appendix H.

Proposal 2

Option A - Delete 50.1(c) and amend 50.2 as follows:

50 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

50.1 (a) [no change].

(b) [see proposal 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.

Option B - Amend 50.1(c) as follows:

50 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 50.1** (a) [no change].
- (b) [see proposal 1].
- (c) ~~A **crew harness** 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.~~

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

Current Position

As above

Reasons

Proposal 1:

1. Following guidance from ERSC and Classes Committee, this proposal ensures that the harnesses used by wing foils, kiteboards, and windsurfers to connect to their sail and use bodyweight to counter the force from the sail is covered in these requirements.

Proposal 2:

1. Following guidance from ERSC and Classes Committee, it is recommended that this rule is deleted from the Racing Rules. Classes may choose to require a harness to comply with ISO standards and can do so by adding this to the class rules.
 2. Option 2 removes the requirement for an ISO standard trapeze harness but maintains a prohibition on any system that more permanently connects the sailor to the boat.
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