

OSR 4.22 Crew Overboard Identification and Recovery

Heaving Lines

A submission from Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To require heaving lines to be of a continuous length..

Proposal

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A **continuous floating** heaving line, no less than 6 mm (1/4") diameter, 15 - 25 m (50 - 75') long, readily accessible to cockpit.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

A RORC working party* have undertaken a review of the Offshore Special Regulations.

The European Commission has issued a product recall on a Riber Heaving Line as it is not a continuous line and has welded parts of the rope. This was proven to break under load and increases the risks of drowning. As it is not known if any other Heaving Lines have welded sections. This rule change should increase the knowledge of sailors and allow more checks to be done.

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