

Submission: **SR16-07**

Offshore Special Regulations - 3.14.6 (c)

Lifeline Soft Links - Servicing Requirement

A submission from US SAILING

Proposal:

3.14.6 Lifeline Minimum Diameters, Required Materials, Specifications

- c) A taut lanyard of synthetic rope may be used to secure lifelines provided the gap it closes does not exceed 100 mm (4 in). **This lanyard shall be replaced annually at a minimum.**

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Current Position:

N/A

Reason:

ISAF has sent an announcement out in recent years making sailors aware of known failures of these lanyards. We have seen these same failures in the U.S. UV degradation, wear and tear, and even sharp weld edges have caused these lanyards to fail. Regular maintenance would remove UV degradation, wear and tear and would let sailors know by inspection that they have a sharp edge cutting their line if required to replace annually.