

QUICK RELEASE TRAPEZE HARNESSSES

Council Mid-Year 2004 Minute 6 (II)

(a) Hook Quick Release System - Submission 186-03

Consistent with minute 3(n)(i) of the Council minutes, 14-15 November 2003, Council received a recommendation from the Constitution Committee to delay implementation of the policy on the 'hook quick release system'.

In addition, Council noted that the Sailing Committee had reviewed a summary of known currently available equipment and received presentations from manufacturer representatives. Several workable designs are available or coming to the market but the technology is still developing. Council therefore noted the recommendation from the Sailing Committee that ISAF should do further research into the available systems.

Decision

- (i) On a proposal by Charles Cook (Group P - North America), seconded by David Tillett (Group L - South West Pacific), Council unanimously approved the following:
 - a. that ISAF adopt a new racing rule 40.2 which will require that any harness or trapeze must have on it a device capable of quickly releasing the competitor at all times that means while the boat is capsized or turned turtle or if there is an emergency and the competitor needs to release himself.
 - b. That the original implementation date approved by Council (immediate) be changed to 1st January 2006 to allow the market more time to develop the products.