

Quick release harnesses and the RRS 2005-2008

RRS 40.2

A submission from the Chairman of the ISAF Equipment committee

Proposal:

Delete RRS 40.2 from the 2005-2008 Edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Current Position:

40.2 A trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use.

Note: This rule takes effect on 1 January 2006.

Reason:

As noted in Council Mid-Year minutes:

“In discussion it was felt that as currently worded, RRS 40.2 was inadequate and that ISAF should only introduce such a rule when standards have been established by an independent body. Concerns over ISAF liability were also raised.”

Note: EBA have requested a new ISO project on quick release harnesses taking forward French standards (AFNOR) work on quick-release kite surfing harnesses.