Offshore Special Regulations – 4.04

Permitting Spectra Jackstays

A submission from Yachting Australia

Purpose or Objective

To allow spectra as an alternative to wire or webbing for Jackstays.

Proposal

4.04 Jackstays, Clipping Points and Static Safety Lines

4.04.1 The following shall be provided:

a) Jackstays:

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i attached to through-bolted or welded deck plates or other suitable and strong anchorage fitted on deck, port and starboard of the yacht’s centre line to provide secure attachments for safety harness:

ii comprising stainless steel 1 x 19 wire of minimum diameter 5 mm (3/16 in), or spectra rope, or webbing of equivalent strength;

iii which, when made from stainless steel wire shall be uncoated and used without any sleeving;

iv 20kN (2,040 kgf or 4,500 lbf) min breaking strain webbing is recommended;

v at least two of which should be fitted on the underside of a multihull in case of inversion.

Current Position

As above

Reason

It is considered that spectra is a suitable material for this purpose.