Offshore Special Regulations – 5.02

Safety Harness and Safety Lines (Tethers)

A submission from the US SAILING Association

Proposal

5.02 Safety Harness and Safety Lines (Tethers)

5.02.1 Each crew member shall have a harness and safety line that complies with ISO 12401 or equivalent with a safety line not more than 2m in length.

Harnesses and safety lines manufactured prior to Jan 2010 shall comply with either ISO 12401 or EN 1095.

Harnesses and safety lines manufactured prior to Jan 2001 are not permitted.

Current Position

As Above

Reason

Recommend that the OSR 5.02.1 requirement (new in 2010) stating "Harnesses and safety lines manufactured prior to Jan 2001 are not permitted" be removed because of the cost of replacing this equipment every ten years. This change was inserted without member nations voting on it and is too arbitrary. The US has issued a prescription change that makes this requirement a recommendation until this issue can be re-examined by the international body (ISAF).