
**Small craft — Stability and buoyancy
assessment and categorization —**

Part 2:

**Sailing boats of hull length greater than
or equal to 6 m**

*Petits navires — Évaluation et catégorisation de la stabilité et de la
flottabilité —*
*Partie 2 Bateaux à voiles d'une longueur de coque supérieure ou égale
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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12217-2:2002), which has been technically revised.

ISO 12217 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization*:

- Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m
- Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m
- Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m

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Introduction

This part of ISO 12217 enables the determination of limiting environmental conditions for which an individual boat has been designed.

It enables the boat to be assigned to a design category appropriate to its design and maximum load. The design categories used align with those in the Recreational Craft Directive of the European Union, EU Directive 94/25/EC as amended by Directive 2003/44/EC.

Annex J provides worksheets to assist in the systematic assessment of a boat according to this part of ISO 12217.

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Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization —

Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 12217 specifies methods for evaluating the stability and buoyancy of intact (i.e. undamaged) boats. The flotation characteristics of boats vulnerable to swamping are also encompassed.

The evaluation of stability and buoyancy properties using this part of ISO 12217 will enable the boat to be assigned to a design category (A, B, C or D) appropriate to its design and maximum load.

This part of ISO 12217 is principally applicable to boats propelled primarily by sail (even if fitted with an auxiliary engine) of 6 m up to and including 24 m hull length. However, it can also be applied to boats less than 6 m if they are habitable multihulls or may be applied if they do not attain the desired design category specified in ISO 12217-3 and they are decked and have quick-draining recesses which comply with ISO 11812.

In relation to habitable multihulls, this part of ISO 12217 includes assessment of vulnerability to inversion, definition of viable means of escape and requirements for inverted flotation.

This part of ISO 12217 excludes:

- inflatable and rigid-inflatable boats covered by ISO 6185, except for references made in ISO 6185 to specific clauses of ISO 12217;
- gondolas and pedalos;
- surfboards including sailing surfboards; and
- hydrofoils and foil stabilized boats when not operating in the displacement mode.

NOTE Displacement mode means that the boat is only supported by hydrostatic forces.

It does not include or evaluate the effects on stability of towing, fishing, dredging or lifting operations, which need to be separately considered if appropriate.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2896:2001, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of water absorption*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

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ISO 8666, *Small craft — Principal data*

ISO 9093-1, *Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings — Part 1: Metallic*

ISO 9093-2, *Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings — Part 2: Non-metallic*

ISO 9094 (all parts), *Small craft — Fire protection*

ISO 10240, *Small craft — Owner's manual*

ISO 11812, *Small craft — Watertight cockpits and quick-draining cockpits*

ISO 12216, *Small craft — Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors — Strength and watertightness requirements*

ISO 12217-1:2013, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-3:2013, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m*

ISO 14946, *Small craft — Maximum load capacity*

ISO 15083, *Small craft — Bilge-pumping systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE The meanings of certain symbols used in the definitions are given in Clause 4.

3.1 Primary

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3.1.1

design category

description of the sea and wind conditions for which a boat is assessed to be suitable by this part of ISO 12217

NOTE See also 9.2.

3.1.2

sailing boat

boat for which the primary means of propulsion is by wind power, having reference sail area (3.4.8)
 $A_S \geq 0,07(m_{LDC})^{2/3}$

NOTE m_{LDC} is the mass of the boat in the maximum load condition, expressed in kilograms.

3.1.3

catamaran

boat with two main load-bearing hulls

EXAMPLE Boats with a centreline or bridge-deck nacelle which supports less than 30 % of the mass in the maximum load condition are considered to be catamarans. Proas are asymmetric catamarans.

3.1.4

trimaran

boat with a centre main hull and two sidehulls in which the centre hull, when the boat is upright, supports 30 % or more of the mass in the maximum load condition

3.1.5

recess

volume open to the air that might retain water within the range of loading conditions and corresponding trims

EXAMPLE Cockpits, wells, open volumes or areas bounded by bulwarks or coamings.

NOTE 1 Cabins, shelters or lockers provided with closures according to the requirements of ISO 12216 are not recesses.

NOTE 2 Cockpits that are open aft to the sea are considered to be recesses. Flush decks without bulwarks or coamings are not recesses.

3.1.6 quick-draining recess

recess fulfilling all the requirements of ISO 11812 for “quick-draining cockpits and recesses”

NOTE 1 According to its characteristics, a cockpit may be considered to be quick-draining for one design category, but not for a higher category.

NOTE 2 ISO 11812 contains requirements with which most sailing dinghies cannot comply.

3.1.7 watertight recess

recess fulfilling all the requirements of ISO 11812 for “watertight cockpits and recesses”

NOTE This term only implies requirements in respect of watertightness and sill heights, but not those for drainage.

3.1.8 fully enclosed boat

boat in which the horizontal projection of the sheerline area comprises any combination of

- watertight deck and superstructure, and/or
- quick-draining recesses which comply with ISO 11812, and/or
- watertight recesses complying with ISO 11812 with a combined volume of less than $(L_H B_H F_M)/40$, and

all closing appliances have their degree of watertightness in accordance with ISO 12216

NOTE The size of recesses permitted for boats of design category A, B or some boats of design category C is restricted by the requirements of 6.3.

3.1.9 habitable boat

boat having a fully enclosed cabin with rigid roof fitted with one or more bunks, benches, pipecotts, hammocks or similar locations that can be used for sleeping when the boat is under way

NOTE 1 A boat is considered to be “habitable” if a fabric closure is used instead of a rigid door, or the cabin has fabric sides.

NOTE 2 The following are not considered to render a boat “habitable”:

- a cockpit tent, or
- an open-sided cuddy intended to provide limited protection from spray, provided it is not fitted with fabric closures all round.

NOTE 3 Locations used for sleeping have minimum dimensions of 1,5 m diagonal length, 0,4 m width at the widest point, and with a minimum headroom of 0,4 m over the length. The cabin sole and compartments designated by the builder to be used exclusively for storage and referenced in the owner’s manual are not included.

3.1.10 habitable part of a boat

spaces within a habitable boat with rigid roof that are fitted with a toilet or in which there is provision for any of the following activities: sitting, sleeping, cooking, eating, washing, navigation, steering

NOTE Compartments designated by the builder to be used exclusively for storage and referenced in the owner’s manual are not included.

3.2 Hazards

3.2.1

capsize

event when a boat reaches any heel angle from which it is unable to recover to equilibrium near the upright without intervention

3.2.2

knockdown

event when a boat reaches a heel angle sufficient to immerse the masthead, and from which it may or may not recover without intervention

3.2.3

inversion

event when a boat becomes upside down

3.3 Downflooding

3.3.1

downflooding opening

opening in the hull or deck (including the edge of a recess) that might admit water into the interior or bilge of a boat, or a recess, apart from those excluded in 6.2.1.6

3.3.2

downflooding angle

ϕ_D
angle of heel at which downflooding openings (apart from those excluded in 6.2.1.6) become immersed, when the boat is in calm water and in the appropriate loading condition at design trim

NOTE 1 Where openings are not symmetrical about the centreline of the boat, the case resulting in the smallest angle is used.

NOTE 2 The following are specifically considered:

- ϕ_D is the downflooding angle to any downflooding opening
- ϕ_{DA} is the angle of heel at which openings which are not marked "KEEP SHUT WHEN UNDER WAY" having a combined total area, expressed in square centimetres (cm²), greater than the number represented by $1,2L_H B_H F_M$ first become immersed;
- ϕ_{DC} is the downflooding angle at which recesses which are not quick-draining begin to fill with water;
- ϕ_{DH} is the downflooding angle at which any main access hatch (i.e. having an opening area greater than 0,18 m² each) giving direct access to the main open air helm position first begins to become immersed.

NOTE 3 Downflooding angle is expressed in degrees.

3.3.3

downflooding height

h_D
smallest height above the waterline to any downflooding opening, apart from those excluded in 6.2.1.6, when the boat is upright in calm water and in the maximum load condition, measured to the critical downflooding point which might be within pipes or ducts inside the hull

NOTE 1 Downflooding height is expressed in metres.

NOTE 2 See Figure B.1

3.4 Dimensions, areas and angles

3.4.1

length of hull

L_H

length of the hull measured according to ISO 8666

NOTE Length of hull is expressed in metres.

3.4.2

length waterline

L_{WL}

waterline length measured according to ISO 8666 when the boat is upright in calm water, in the appropriate loading condition and at design trim

NOTE 1 For multihull boats, L_{WL} relates to that of the longest individual hull.

NOTE 2 Length waterline is expressed in metres.

3.4.3

beam of hull

B_H

maximum beam of the hull using the method of ISO 8666; for catamaran and trimaran boats, maximum beam across the outer hulls

NOTE Beam of hull is expressed in metres.

3.4.4

beam waterline

B_{WL}

greatest beam measured according to ISO 8666 at the waterline in calm water which, for multihull boats, is the sum of the maximum waterline beams of each of the hulls, the boat being upright, in the appropriate loading condition and at design trim

NOTE Beam waterline is expressed in metres.

3.4.5

beam between hull centres

B_{CB}

on catamaran and trimaran boats, the transverse distance between the centres of buoyancy of the outer hulls

NOTE Beam between hull centres is expressed in metres.

3.4.6

freeboard amidships

F_M

distance of the sheerline or deck above the waterline at $L_{WL}/2$ measured according to ISO 8666, the boat being upright, in the appropriate loading condition and at design trim

NOTE 1 Freeboard amidships is expressed in metres.

NOTE 2 Where no loading condition is specified, maximum load condition should be assumed.

3.4.7

draught of canoe body

T_C

draught of the main buoyant part of the hull(s) below the waterline, as defined in ISO 8666, the boat being upright in the appropriate loading condition and at design trim

NOTE Draught of canoe body excludes appendages such as rudders or skegs, and is expressed in metres.

**3.4.8
reference sail area**

A_s
actual profile area of sails set abaft a mast, plus the maximum profile areas of all masts, plus reference triangle area(s) forward of each mast as defined in ISO 8666

NOTE Sail area is expressed in square metres.

**3.4.9
standard sail area**

$A's$
actual profile area of the largest sail plan suitable for windward sailing in true winds of 10–12 kn (5,1–6,2 m/s), including overlaps, and supplied or recommended by the builder as standard

NOTE Sail area is expressed in square metres.

**3.4.10
angle of vanishing stability**

ϕ_v
angle of heel nearest the upright (other than upright) in the appropriate loading condition at which the transverse stability righting moment is zero

NOTE 1 This is determined assuming that there is no offset load, and that all potential downflooding openings are considered to be watertight.

NOTE 2 Where a boat has recesses which are not quick-draining, ϕ_v is to be taken as the downflooding angle to these recesses, unless the loss of buoyancy due to such recesses is fully accounted for in determining ϕ_v .

NOTE 3 Angle of vanishing stability is expressed in degrees (standards.iteh.ai)

3.5 Condition, mass and volume ISO 12217-2:2013

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**3.5.1
empty craft condition**

empty boat including fittings and equipment as listed below but excluding all optional equipment and fittings not included in the manufacturer's basic outfit:

- a) structure: comprising all the structural parts, including any fixed ballast keel and/or drop keel/centreboard/daggerboard(s) and rudder(s);
- b) ballast: any fixed ballast installed;
- c) internal structure and accommodation: bulkheads and partitions, insulation, lining, built-in furniture, flotation material, windows, hatches and doors, permanently installed mattresses and upholstery materials;
- d) permanently installed engine(s) and fuel system: comprising inboard engine(s), including all supplies and controls as needed for their operation, permanently installed fuel systems, including tanks;
- e) fluids in permanently installed systems: residual working fluids as needed for their operation (see examples below), but excluding contents of fluid ballast systems and tanks, and main storage tanks (which are included in maximum load);

EXAMPLES: fluids in hot or cold water, fuel, lubricating or hydraulic oil systems

- f) internal equipment, including:
 - all items of equipment permanently attached to the craft, e.g. tanks, toilet system(s), water transfer equipment;
 - bilge pumping system(s), cooking and heating devices, cooling equipment, ventilation system(s);
 - electrical installation and equipment, including permanently installed batteries mounted in the position intended by the builder;

- fixed navigational and electronic equipment;
- fixed fire fighting equipment, where fitted;

g) external equipment, including:

- all permanently attached standard or specified deck fittings, e.g. guardrails, pulpits and pushpits, bowsprits and their attachments, bathing platforms, boarding ladders, steering equipment, winches, sprayhood(s);
- awning(s), cockpit tables, gratings, signal mast(s), where fitted;
- mast(s), boom(s), spinnaker poles and other pole(s), standing and running rigging, in the stowed position ready for use; all standing and running rigging in place

NOTE The mass in the empty craft condition is denoted by m_{EC} and is expressed in kilograms.

3.5.2

light craft condition

empty craft condition plus standard equipment (3.6.12) plus removable ballast (whether solid or liquid) when supplied and/or intended by the manufacturer to be carried when the boat is afloat, with elements positioned as follows:

- a) where provision is made for propulsion by outboard engine(s) of more than 3 kW, the heaviest engine(s) recommended for the boat by the manufacturer is(are) mounted in the working position(s);
- b) where batteries are fitted, they are mounted in the position intended by the builder, and if there is no specific stowage provided for batteries, the mass of one battery for each engine over 7 kW is allowed for, and located within 1,0 m of the engine location.
- c) all upwind sails supplied or recommended by the builder as standard, onboard and rigged ready for use, but not hoisted, e.g. mainsail on boom, roller furling sails furled, hanked foresails on stay stowed on foredeck

NOTE 1 For the minimum mass of outboard engines and batteries, refer to Tables C.1 and C.2 of ISO 12217-3:2013.

NOTE 2 The mass in the light craft condition is denoted by m_{LC} and is expressed in kilograms.

3.5.3

minimum operating condition

boat in the light craft condition with the following additions:

- a) mass to represent the crew, positioned on the centreline near the main control position of:
 - 75 kg where $L_H \leq 8$ m,
 - 150 kg where $8 \text{ m} < L_H \leq 16$ m,
 - 225 kg where $16 \text{ m} < L_H \leq 24$ m;
- b) non-edible stores and equipment normally carried on the boat and not included in the manufacturer's list of standard equipment;

EXAMPLES Loose internal equipment and tools, spare parts, dishes, kitchenware and cutlery, additional anchors or sails, dinghy and outboard if carried aboard.

NOTE 1 Liquids in main storage tanks (e.g. fuel, drinking water, black and grey water, live wells, bait tanks, etc.) are excluded.

NOTE 2 Water ballast in tanks which are symmetrical about the centreline and which are intended by the builder to be used for variable asymmetric ballasting while under way is excluded.

NOTE 3 Elements with transversally variable position (e.g. canting keels, movable solid ballast, tilting masts) are positioned symmetrically about the centreline of the boat. Elements with longitudinally variable position (eg: tilting masts or keels) are positioned so that the VCG is maximized.

NOTE 4 Any centreboard or keel is in the raised position unless it can be fixed in the lowered position and an appropriate instruction is given in the owner's manual.

NOTE 5 The mass in the minimum operating condition is denoted by m_{MO} and is expressed in kilograms.

3.5.4

maximum load

load which the boat is designed to carry in addition to the light craft condition, comprising:

- the crew limit at 75 kg each;
- the personal effects of the crew;
- stores and cargo (if any), dry provisions, consumable liquids;
- contents of all permanently installed storage tanks filled to 95 % of their maximum capacity, including fuel, drinking water, black water, grey water, lubricating and hydraulic oil, bait tanks and/or live wells; plus ballast water at 100 % capacity;
- consumable liquids in portable tanks (drinking water, fuel) filled to 95 % of the maximum capacity;
- dinghy or other small craft intended to be carried aboard, and any outboard motor associated with them;
- liferaft(s) if carried in excess of the minimum required in essential safety equipment;
- non-edible stores and equipment normally carried on the boat and not included in the manufacturer's list of standard equipment, e.g. loose internal equipment and tools, spare parts, additional anchors or sails, dinghy and outboard if carried aboard;
- an allowance for the maximum mass of optional equipment and fittings not included in the manufacturer's basic outfit

NOTE 1 Liferafts are not included in essential safety equipment for Categories C and D.

NOTE 2 As a guide, not less than 20 kg per person should be allowed for personal effects on habitable boats.

NOTE 3 As a guide, the mass of yachting liferafts varies from approximately $12 + 2CL$ (kg) to double this, according to specification.

NOTE 4 Unless otherwise required, variable position elements (e.g. canting keels, movable solid ballast, tilting masts) are positioned symmetrically about the centreline of the boat.

NOTE 5 Any centreboard or keel is in the raised position unless it can be fixed in the lowered position and an appropriate instruction is given in the owner's manual.

NOTE 6 The mass of maximum load is denoted by m_L and is expressed in kilograms.

3.5.5

maximum load condition

boat in the light craft condition with the maximum load added so as to produce the design trim

NOTE The mass in the maximum load condition is denoted by m_{LDC} and is expressed in kilograms.

3.5.6

loaded arrival condition

boat in the maximum load condition minus 85 % of the maximum capacity of fixed or portable storage tanks for fuel, oils and drinking water, and minus 90 % of edible stores, but including the worst combination of optional fittings or equipment with respect to stability

NOTE 1 The mass in the loaded arrival condition is denoted by m_{LA} and is expressed in kilograms.

NOTE 2 Unless otherwise required, variable position elements (e.g. canting keels, movable solid ballast, tilting masts) are positioned symmetrically about the centreline of the boat.

3.5.7**displacement volume** V_D

volume of displacement of the boat that corresponds to the appropriate loading condition, taking the density of water as 1 025 kg/m³

NOTE Displacement volume is expressed in cubic metres.

3.6 Other terms and definitions**3.6.1****calculation wind speed** v_W

wind speed used in calculations

NOTE Calculation wind speed is expressed in metres per second or in knots.

3.6.2**crew**

collective description of all persons onboard a boat

3.6.3**crew limit**

CL

maximum number of persons (with a mass of 75 kg each) used when assessing the design category

3.6.4**design trim**

longitudinal attitude of a boat when upright, with crew, fluids, stores and equipment in the positions designated by the designer or builder

NOTE Crew are assumed to be in positions designated by the builder. In the absence of builder's instructions, crew and gear are assumed to be positioned in a manner most likely to provide a favourable test result, provided that such positions are consistent with the proper operation of the boat and that crew are assumed to be either standing at designated positions fitted with handholds, or seated.

3.6.5**essential safety equipment**

loose equipment considered essential to the safe operation of the boat, which may include distress flares and rockets, lifebuoy with light and battery, first aid box, wire cutters for standing rigging, lifejackets, safety harnesses and lines, portable firefighting equipment, flashlight, binoculars, radio (e.g. VHF), ball and cone visual signals, charts, navigational publications and for design categories A and B, liferaft(s) sufficient for the crew limit in the corresponding design category

NOTE 1 Quantities carried may vary according to the size of boat, design category and crew limit.

NOTE 2 As a guide, the mass allowed for essential safety equipment but excluding any liferaft(s) should not be less than $3L_H$ (kg).

NOTE 3 The mass of yachting liferafts varies from approximately $12 + 2CL$ (kg) to double this, according to specification.

NOTE 4 Liferafts are not considered to be essential safety equipment in design categories C and D.

3.6.6**flotation element**

element which provides buoyancy to the boat and thus influences the flotation characteristics

3.6.6.1**air tank**

tank made of hull construction material, and integral with hull or deck structure