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## 1 Scope

This document provides requirements and recommendations for the selection and installation of lithium-ion batteries for boats. It applies to lithium-ion batteries and to battery systems with a capacity greater than 600 Wh, installed on small craft for providing power for general electrical loads and/or to electric propulsion systems. It is primarily intended for manufacturers and battery installers.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **ampere interrupt capacity**

#### **AIC**

maximum current a circuit breaker or fuse is rated to safely interrupt at a specific voltage

### 3.2

#### **battery**

collection of *cells* (3.7) wired in series (or series/parallel) and constituting a single physical unit

### 3.3

#### **battery bank**

set of *batteries* (3.2) electrically connected (parallel/series) to increase capacity and or voltage

### 3.4

#### **battery capacity**

#### **C**

capacity of the *battery* (3.2), expressed in ampere-hours (Ah) at a nominal voltage or in watt hours (Wh), from the manufacturer's specified fully charged to discharged voltage levels

Note 1 to entry: Ah capacity rating at a given discharge rate or time.

### 3.5

#### **battery management system**

#### **BMS**

system designed to protect a lithium-ion *battery* (3.2) from potentially damaging events, such as overcharging or overdischarging and high and low temperatures

### 3.6

#### **battery system**

*battery* (3.2) or batteries and all ancillary components

3.7

**cell**

fundamental building block that is inside a lithium-ion *battery* (3.2) where electrical energy is derived from the insertion/extraction reactions of lithium ions or oxidation/reduction reaction of lithium between the negative electrode and the positive electrode

3.8

**C rating**

measure of *battery* (3.2) charge and discharge rating expressed as a function of the rated Ah capacity of the battery

Note 1 to entry: A 100 Ah battery charged or discharged at 100 A is a 1C rate.

3.9

**contactor**

protection relay/switch controlled by the *battery management system* (3.5) for *battery* (3.2) protection

3.10

**high voltage cutout**

**HVC**

*battery management system's* (3.5) response to a *high voltage event* (3.11) that protects the *battery* (3.2) from overcharging

3.11

**high voltage event**

**HVE**

condition where a *cell* (3.7) has been charged to a voltage above the manufacturer's cell maximum voltage limit

3.12

**low voltage cutout**

**LVC**

*battery management system's* (3.5) response to a *low voltage event* (3.13) that protects the *battery* (3.2) from overdischarging

3.13

**low voltage event**

**LVE**

condition where a *cell* (3.7) has been discharged beyond the cell manufacturer's cell low voltage limit

3.14

**main contactor**

in the case of a multiple *contactor* (3.9) system [*high voltage event* (3.11), *low voltage event* (3.13), plus the main], device intended to be the last one to open, or closest to the *battery* (3.2), and, in case of a single contactor system, device intended to serve as *high voltage cutout* (3.10)/*low voltage cutout* (3.12)/main protection

3.15

**overcharging**

charging a *cell* (3.7) above the cell manufacturer's upper cell voltage limit, which may result in damage to the cell

3.16

**safe operating limits**

**SOL**

set of voltage, temperature and other parameters, within which the *battery* (3.2) is intended to be operated and which, if exceeded, initiates a *battery management system* (3.5) response to correct the problem or to shut the battery down