
**Small craft — Quick release system for
trapeze harness**

Petits navires — Système de largage rapide pour harnais de trapèze

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Foreword

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Introduction

Many people actively participate in small craft sailing with little evidence of accident, injury or death. Statistically, sailing is one of the safer leisure activities. There are, however, a very few documented accounts of injury and death owing to a participant being entrapped underwater as a result of not being able to detach themselves from the craft and, in some cases, not being able to release themselves from a sailing-craft trapeze.

This International Standard has been developed jointly by recreational-craft user groups and industry in an endeavour to reduce the possibility of entrapment underwater as a result of the inability of the user to release from a sailing-craft trapeze.

The scope of this International Standard is intentionally restricted and only covers the functioning of the safety release device of small sailing-craft trapeze systems. When developing this International Standard, ISO/TC 188/WG 14 emphasized that the safety of a craft and her entire management is the sole responsibility of the person in charge, who will also ensure that the craft and crew are adequate to face the conditions that might arise in the course of use. The establishment of this International Standard in no way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the person in charge and their responsibility for the crew, the craft and the management thereof.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods for quick release devices as a component of the small sailing-craft trapeze system worn whilst afloat. The quick release device is intended to quickly release the wearer from entrapment and minimize the risk of drowning in the event of a failure to release from the sailing-craft trapeze system by other means.

The quick release device is intended to be easily accessible and operated in all conditions that might occur whilst in use, including when a craft is capsized or inverted.

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 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

EN 364:1992, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Test methods*

EN 892:2004, *Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods*

EN 13139:2002, *Aggregates for mortar*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

sailing-craft trapeze system

system of sailing-craft equipment and/or devices attached to a craft and user which can be used to support the main body mass of that user, thereby enabling an increase in the righting moment (through their body mass) on the craft

3.2

user's attachment point

point to which the trapeze system tensile load is applied and which connects and disconnects the user to and from the craft when the system is in normal use

3.3

release attachment point

point to which the trapeze system tensile load is applied and from which the user is released from the craft when the release system is activated

NOTE In any particular trapeze system, the release attachment point might be the same as, or may be additional to, the user's attachment point.