

**AUSTRALIAN SAILING**  
Amendment to the Special Regulations

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**PART 2, SECTION 3 FIXED EQUIPMENT**

**Regulation 3.12.6**

Delete the text that has been ~~struck-out~~ and insert the text that has been underlined.

**3.12.6 Lifeline minimum diameters, required materials, specifications**

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| (a)  | Where lifelines are fitted, they shall be <u>either</u> :  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7        |
| i.   | stranded stainless steel wire. <del>of minimum diameter specified in the table below.</del> <u>Steel</u> lifelines shall be uncoated and used without close-fitting sleeving.  |                      |
| ii.  | <u>For monohulls, HMPE rope of a minimum diameter as specified in the table below.</u>   | <u>4 5 6 7</u>       |
| iii. | <u>For multihulls, HMPE rope of a minimum diameter as specified in the table below.</u>  | <u>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</u> |
| (b)  | Notwithstanding <u>3.12.6 (a)(i)</u> above, the term "uncoated" means that the wire must not be coated with any product that is moulded to the wire. The application of a loose sleeve to uncoated wire is permitted provided that air can circulate along the length of the wire between stanchions, it is regularly removed for inspection and the wire remains in good condition. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7        |
| (c)  | <i>Grade 316 stainless wire is recommended.</i>  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7        |
| (d)  | A taut lanyard of synthetic rope may be used to secure lifelines provided the gap it closes does not exceed 100 mm. This lanyard shall be replaced at least annually.  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7        |
| (e)  | All wire, fittings, anchorage points, fixtures and lanyards shall comprise a lifeline enclosure system which has at all points at least the breaking strength of the required lifeline wire.   | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7        |

**(f)** When HMPE is used, it shall be protected from chafe and spliced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedures

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

LH	Wire	<u>HMPE Rope (single braid)</u>	<u>HMPE Core (braid on braid)</u>	
Under 8.5 m	3 mm (1/8 in)	<u>4mm (5/32")</u>	<u>4mm (5/32")</u>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8.5 m – 13 m	4 mm (5/32 in)	<u>5mm (3/16")</u>	<u>5mm (3/16")</u>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
over 13 m	5 mm (3/16 in)	<u>5mm (3/16")</u>	<u>5mm (3/16")</u>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7