

AUSTRALIAN SAILING
Amendment to the Special Regulations

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PART 1, SECTION 5 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Regulation 5.02

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| (a) | Each crew member shall have a safety harness and a safety line, not more than 2 m in length. | 1 2 3 4 |
| (b) | Each safety harness and safety line shall comply with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Australian Standard AS2227, or (ii) An equivalent overseas standard such as ISO 12401, and (iii) Shall be branded with the respective standard authority's mark of approval. | |
| (c) | The safety line shall have a snap hook at each end. | |
| (d) | <i>Warning: It is possible for a plain snap hook to disengage from a u-bolt if the hook is rotated under load at right-angles to the axis of the u-bolt. For this reason the use of snap hooks with positive locking devices is strongly recommended.</i> | |
| (e) | <u>From 1 July 2023 safety lines shall no longer use stainless steel plate type snap hooks and must be a metallic moulded hook with side-wall support</u> | |

- 5.02.2** In addition to the requirement of 5.02.1(a), at least 30% of the crew shall each be provided with either:
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| (i) | A safety line not more than 1 m long or | 1 2 |
| (ii) | A mid-point manufacturer fitted snap hook attachment on a 2 m safety line or | |
| (ii) | Twin lines, one not more than 1 m long and the other not more than 2 m long. | |

NOTE: Twin lines are a single safety line arrangement with three snap hooks. The centre snap hook is designed to be clipped to the harness. The other two hooks provide safety lines of not more than 1 m and not more than 2 m in length.

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| <p>5.02.3 A crew member's lifejacket and harness shall be compatible.</p> | <p>1 2 3 4</p> |
| <p>5.02.4 <i>It is strongly recommended that:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>A harness should be fitted with a crotch strap or thigh straps.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Snap-hooks should be of a type which will not self- release from a u-bolt (See 5.02.1 (d)) and which can be easily released under load (crew members are reminded that a personal knife or tether cutter may free them from a safety line in emergency).</i></p> <p>(c) <i>A crew member before a race should adjust a harness to fit then retain that harness for the duration of the race.</i></p> | <p>1 2 3 4</p> |
| <p>5.02.5</p> <p>(a) <i>Warning: A safety line and safety harness are not designed to tow a person in the water and it is important that the shortest safety line length possible be used with a harness to minimise or eliminate the risk of a person's torso becoming immersed in water outside the boat, especially when working on the foredeck. The 1 m safety line or the midpoint snap hook on a 2 m line should be used for this purpose. The diligent use of a properly adjusted safety harness and the shortest line practicable are regarded as by far the most effective way of preventing man overboard incidents.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Warning: Twin lines are to be used for 2-point attachment to the vessel and not to be used as a single line tether 3 m in length.</i></p> | <p>1 2 3 4</p> |