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Based on ABYC's assessment of the existing technology, and the problems associated with achieving the goals of this standard, ABYC recommends compliance with this standard for all boats, associated equipment, and systems manufactured after July 31, 2009.

32.1 PURPOSE

This standard is a guide for the design, construction, and installation of ventilation systems of boats using diesel fuel, for the purpose of removal of fixed gaseous fire extinguishing system discharge, and/or combustion air, and/or any incidental additional uses.

32.2 SCOPE

This standard applies to boats using diesel fuel for electrical generation, mechanical power, or propulsion.

NOTE: The United States Coast Guard's mandatory requirements for ventilation for boats with gasoline engines for propulsion or auxiliary machinery are found in 33 CFR, Subpart K, Sections CFR 183.601-183.630. Refer to the CFR for complete, current federal requirements. Additionally, see [ABYC H-2, Ventilation of Boats Using Gasoline](#).

32.3 REFERENCES

The following references form a part of this standard. Unless otherwise noted the latest version of referenced standards shall apply.

32.3.1 ABYC - American Boat & Yacht Council, Inc, 613 Third St, Suite 10, Annapolis, MD 21403. Phone: (410) 990-4460. Fax: (410) 990-4466. Website: www.abycinc.org

[ABYC A-4, Fire Fighting Equipment](#)
[ABYC E-10, Storage Batteries](#)
[ABYC H-2, Ventilation of Boats Using Gasoline](#)
[ABYC H-5, Boat Load Capacity](#)

32.3.2 CFR - Code of Federal Regulations and other government publications. Obtain from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Information, PO Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Phone: (202) 512-1800. Fax: (202) 512-2250. Website: www.gpo.gov. An excerpted edition of the CFR is also available from ABYC, Inc.

33 CFR 183

32.4 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

32.4.1 Maximum heeled waterline - the line of the water on the hull when the boat is inclined to:

32.4.1.1 for powerboats, an angle of seven degrees, or

32.4.1.2 for sailboats, the level of sheer amidships.

32.4.2 Sailboat - a boat designed or intended to use sail as the primary means of propulsion.

32.4.3 Static Float Plane

32.4.3.1 - the plane below the most forward point and through which the maximum displacement of a boat exists without water coming aboard, when all openings such as drains, scuppers, centerboard trunks, hull or transom doors are considered sealed (see [FIGURE 1](#)).