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Annex ZA (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU aimed to be covered

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Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Directive 2013/53/EU

Essential Requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU	Clause(s)/subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex I, Part A, 2.5 – Owner's manual	Clause 17	
Annex I, Part A, 2.3 – Protection from falling overboard and means of reboarding	Clauses 1 to 16	

WARNING 1 — Presumption of conformity stays valid only as long as a reference to this European Standard is maintained in the list published in the Official Journal of the European Union. Users of this standard should consult frequently the latest list published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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Annex ZB (informative)

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The following clauses of this standard, as detailed in Table ZB.1, are likely to support requirements of Directive 94/25/EC.

Compliance with the clauses of this standard provides one means of conforming with the specific essential requirements of the Directive concerned and associated EFTA regulations.

Table ZB.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Directive 2013/53/EU

Clauses/sub-clauses of this European Standard	Corresponding annexes/paragraphs of Directive 94/25/EC	Comments
All Clauses	Annex 1, 2.3	

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Introduction

This International Standard is based on the idea that safety on board of small craft is not obtained through one simple safety item, but through the conjunction of several items.

It is also based on the knowledge that there is not one single set of safety items per design category and boat type, but several. In some instances, it therefore provides the boat builder with different options according to the general use he intends for the boat, within its design category.

The main issue is the definition of the working deck, up to the boat builder, and as people present on the working deck under normal operation, i.e. under way, shall be protected. This definition is of major importance. For example, on some boats the working deck is limited to the cockpit, whereas in others it encompasses the whole deck area.

Access to and use of strong points is a separate issue and is therefore treated differently: this access and use is needed, but not necessarily when the boat is under way and never at full speed, hence not necessarily on the working deck.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the design as well as the construction and strength requirements for safety devices and arrangements intended to minimize the risk of falling overboard, and requirements to facilitate reboarding.

It describes means which can be used individually or combined to achieve these objectives, and applies to small craft of up to 24 m length of hull.

This International Standard is not applicable to the following boat types:

- aquatic toys;
- canoes, kayaks, or other boats with a beam less than 1,1 m;
- personal watercraft, covered by ISO 13590;
- inflatable boats with a hull length of less than 8 m, covered by ISO 6185.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8666:2016 ^{A2}, *Small craft - Principal data*

ISO 12217 (all parts):2015 ^{A2}, *Small craft - Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

design category

description of the sea and wind conditions for which a boat is assessed to be suitable

Note 1 to entry: The applicable design categories are summarized in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Definitions of the design categories

Design category	Wind speed (Beaufort scale)	Significant wave height m
A - "Ocean"	> 8	> 4
B - "Offshore"	≤ 8	≤ 4
C - "Inshore"	≤ 6	≤ 2
D - "Sheltered waters"	≤ 4	≤ 0,3