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

Essential Requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex I, sub clause 2.5 Owner's manual	4.7,4.11,12	These clauses specify the information to be included in the owner's manual.
Annex I, 5.4 Steering system 5.4.1 General	10.2	In respect of transmission of steering loads in all foreseeable conditions.
Annex I, 5.4 Steering system 5.4.2 Emergency arrangements	9.1.4	In respect of single engine non-sailing craft with remote rudder steering only.
Annex II (3) - Steering wheels, steering mechanisms and cable assemblies	10.2	In respect of the transmission of steering loads in for electric/electronic steering systems supplied as components only

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ISO 4892-1:2016	ISO 4892-1:2024	Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources Part 1: General guidance and requirements	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 4892-2:2013	ISO 4892-2:2013 ISO 4892-2:2013/Amd 1:2021	Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps - Amendment 1: Classification of daylight filters	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 4892-3:2016	ISO 4892-3:2024	Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 4892-4:2013	ISO 4892-4:2024	Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources Part 4: Open-flame carbon-arc lamps	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 8846:1990	ISO 8846:2025	Small craft — Electrical devices — Protection against ignition of surrounding flammable gases	EN ISO 8846
ISO 8848:2022	ISO 8848:2022	Small craft — Remote steering systems	EN ISO 8848:2022
ISO 10133:2012	ISO 13297:2020	Small craft — Electrical systems — Extra-low-voltage d.c. installations	EN ISO 13297:2021 EN ISO 13297:2021/A1:2022 EN ISO 13297:2021/A11:2023
ISO	ISO 10240:2022	Small craft — Owner's	EN ISO 10240:2024

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10240:2004/Amd1:2015		manual	EN ISO 10240/A11:2026
ISO 10592:2022	ISO 10592:2022	Small craft — Hydraulic steering system	EN ISO 10592:2022
ISO 11591:2019	ISO 11591:2020 ISO 11591:2020/Amd 1:2022	Small craft — Field of vision from the steering position	EN ISO 11591:2020 EN ISO 11591:2020/A1:2023
ISO 13297:2020	ISO 13297:2020 ISO 13297:2020/Amd 1:2022	Small craft — Electrical systems — Alternating current installations	EN ISO 13297:2021 EN ISO 13297:2021/A1:2022
ISO 16750-2:2012	ISO 16750-2:2023	Road vehicles — Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment — Part 2: Electrical loads	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 16750-3:2012	ISO 16750-3:2023	Road vehicles — Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment — Part 3: Mechanical loads	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ISO 16750-4:2010	ISO 16750-4:2023	Road vehicles — Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment — Part 4: Climatic loads	For applicable standard edition see column 2
ASTM B117:2016	-NONE	Practice for operating salt spray (fog) apparatus	-NONE
IEC 60068-2-27:2008	IEC 60068-2-27:2008	Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27:2009
IEC 60068-2-52:2017	IEC 60068-2-52:2017	Environmental testing — Part 2-52: Tests — Test Kb: Salt mist, cyclic (sodium chloride solution)	EN IEC 60068-2-52:2018
IEC 60945:2002	IEC 60945:2002	Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — General requirements — Methods of testing and required test results	EN 60945:2002

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
IEC 61000-4-2:2008	IEC 61000-4-2:2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques — Section 2: Electrostatic discharge immunity test — Basic EMC publication	EN 61000-4-2:2009
IEC 61000-4-3:2020	IEC 61000-4-3:2020	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques — Radiated, radio frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test	EN IEC 61000-4-3:2020
IEC 61000-4-4:2012	IEC 61000-4-4:2012	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques — Section 4: Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test — Basic EMC publication	EN 61000-4-4:2012
IEC 61000-4-5:2014 IEC 61000-4-5:2014+Amd1:2017	IEC 61000-4-5:2014 IEC 61000-4-5:2014+Amd1:2017	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques — Section 5: Surge immunity test	EN 61000-4-5:2014 EN 61000-4-5:2014/A1:2017
IEC 61000-4-6:2013	IEC 61000-4-6:2013	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques — Section 6: Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields	EN 61000-4-6:2014
IEC 61000-4-11:2020	IEC 61000-4-11:2020	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests for equipment with input current up to 16 A per phase	EN IEC 61000-4-11:2020 EN IEC 61000-4-11:2020/AC:2022-10 EN IEC 61000-4-11:2020/AC:2020-06
IEC 61000-4-	IEC 61000-4-16:2015	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) —	EN 61000-4-16:2016

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16:2015		Part 4-16: Testing and measurement techniques — Test for immunity to conducted, common mode disturbance in the frequency range 0 Hz to 150 KHz	
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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the terms and definitions have been revised to give coherency with other standard definitions; new terms, such as input device and output device, have been introduced;
- the figures have been revised to clarify the concepts illustrated;
- [7.2](#), on portable helms, has been revised to make it coherent when an electric propulsion motor is used;
- [9.1](#) has been revised to include the fail-safe mode and the alarm policy;
- the main change is in [10.1](#): the request to use three different samples for all tests (except for EMC test) has been deleted because it would have involved a great expense without having significant improvement; only one sample is used for all tests described on the subsequent subclauses;
- the durability test on joystick described in [10.4](#) has been made an operational test;
- [Table 1](#) in [10.5.1](#) has been updated introducing the column “immersion” to handle test on immersed components;
- in [10.5.2](#), all ways to conduct the salt mist test, based on different standards, have been homogenized;
- in [10.7](#), the shock test has been revised;
- in [10.8](#), the free fall test has become the drop test with the addition of the UV test;
- the UV test, described in [10.9](#), has been clarified;

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- in [10.10](#), there are many changes due to the revision of IEC 60533 and the forthcoming release of IEC 62742; to avoid any direct link to those standards, all tests previously required by IEC 60533 have been embedded and all standards cited have been added to the normative reference list.

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1 Scope

This document establishes the requirements for the design, construction and testing of electrical/electronic steering, shift and throttle systems and dynamic positioning control systems, or combinations thereof, on small craft of up to 24 m length of hull.

This document does not apply to electric trolling motors and autopilot systems on sailing craft.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

- ▣^{A1} ISO 4892-1:2016, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*
- ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*
- ISO 4892-3:2016, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps*
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- ISO 8846:1990, *Small craft — Electrical devices — Protection against ignition of surrounding flammable gases*
- ISO 8848:2022, *Small craft — Remote mechanical steering systems*
- ISO 10592:2022, *Small craft — Remote hydraulic steering systems*
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