

Change to RRS on Trapeze Harnesses to take effect 1 Jan 2023 = ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU!

The latest edition of RRS for 2021 has change at RRS 50.1 c. See below:

Ignore special regulations.

Note: Those regulations are available at the World Sailing website.

50 COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 50.1**
- (a) Competitors shall not wear or carry clothing or equipment for the purpose of increasing their weight.
 - (b) Furthermore, a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 8 kilograms, excluding a hiking or trapeze harness and clothing (including footwear) worn only below the knee. Class rules or the notice of race may specify a lower weight or a higher weight up to 10 kilograms. Class rules may include footwear and other clothing worn below the knee within that weight. A hiking or trapeze harness shall have positive buoyancy and shall not weigh more than 6 kilograms. Weights shall be determined as required by Appendix H.
 - (c) A trapeze harness worn by a competitor which may be used to support the competitor on a trapeze shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time. A class rule may change this rule to permit trapeze harnesses that are not of the quick release variety, but a class rule may not change the requirement that a quick release harness comply with ISO 10862.

Note: Rule 50.1(c) does not take effect until 1 January 2023.

Clearly the drive for safer equipment is laudable. However it is understood that many sailors have their favourite comfortable old harness which may not comply with these new rules. So it is anticipated that a rule change may be required. This change (as per RRS 50.1.c above) would need to be made to the general RS Class rules as well as fleet specific rules (for RS600, RS700 and RS500 too).

ACTION:

1. You are kindly requested to examine your RS800 helm and crew harnesses to verify compliance with ISO 10862.
2. Please let your RS800 Class Association Sec Clare Sargent know on clare@rs-association.com if your harnesses **do or do not comply** with ISO 10862. Deadline 1 Feb 2020.
3. A general RS rule change, with subsequent fleet rule changes, will only be initiated if required because sailors are wearing non-compliant harnesses.

Thank you in advance for the RS800 fleet leading the way!

Clare Sargent
RS800 Class Association Secretary
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