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Dear Sirs

**Amendment to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008**

I am writing to you regarding a rule change in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, approved by the ISAF Council on 12 November 2005 in Singapore.

The change is:

**40.2** A trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use.

*Note: This rule takes effect on ~~1 January 2006~~ 1 January 2009.*

This change to the note under Rule 40.2 will apply immediately and effectively means that rule 40.2 will not take effect before the new edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012) will be published.

ISAF continues working on safety improvements and will publish information about quick release devices in January 2006 on the ISAF Website.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jerome Pels at the ISAF Secretariat should you require any further information about this subject.

Yours sincerely



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