

2022 Inboard Rule Change Proposal S5

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Check all that apply:

General Safety Rule 3.12.5

General Racing Rule

Stock Class Technical Rule *

Modified Class Technical Rule *

Affected Class(es):

All classes with capsules

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

Remove the following from Rule 3.12.5:

- To assist rescue crews, reinforced cockpit boats must have the following critical information labeled on the bottom of the cock- pit, using 3" letters on a strongly contrasting background:
- Boat letter and number designation.
- Restraint belt - If using lever type (latch & link), do not put anything;
If using rotary type, put rotary.
If air system is used, put air.
If head restraint is used, put head restraint.

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

While this wording is well intentioned, I have never seen a rescue team stop to read the information on the bottom of a boat before putting divers in the water. Nor have I seen a diver surface to ask what is written on the bottom of a boat. If the diver can not release the belts, he/she cuts them. Rescue teams work as quickly as they can whether the driver has air or not. Bottom line, having the required information on the bottom of the boat does not increase the driver's safety, nor does it assist the rescue team.

Affected Rule: 3.12.5

Proposed rule: Shortened 3.12.5

Reason for change:

See information in above summary of proposed action.