

2019 Notice Board – Competitor Question to the OA - CYCRTM

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Question:

“Just wanted to confirm that the Spinlock PFD with HRS - harness release system meets the qualification for release under load as opposed to using a mechanism on the tether to accomplish this.

https://www.spinlock.co.uk/en-us/categories/lifejackets/product_groups/deckvest-vito”

Response:

CMSR 5.17: Safety Harness and Tether - Each crewmember shall have a safety harness and compatible safety tether not more than 6'7" (2m) long with a minimum tensile strength of 4500 lb. (20kN). The tether shall have a snap hook at its far end and a quick release shackle at the harness end that is releasable under heavy load.

Yes, the Vito model is ok.

The truth is that our rule did not anticipate that a life jacket harness would have a built-in quick release mechanism. If a competitor is wearing a “Vito” style life jacket, then there is no problem with tethers that don’t have quick release shackles.

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