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European foreword

The text of ISO 12217-3:2015 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 188 “Small craft” of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and has been taken over as EN ISO 12217-3:2017.

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Annex ZA (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request M/075 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft and repealing Directive 94/25/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 90–131).

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

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU	Remarks/Notes
Clause 5; 6; 9; Annex G	I.A.1 - Watercraft Design Categories	EN ISO 12217-3 is applicable to boats of hull length less than 6 m, whether propelled by human or mechanical power, except habitable sailing multihulls. The evaluation of stability and buoyancy properties using EN ISO 12217-3 will enable boats of hull length less than 6 m to be assigned to a design category (C or D) appropriate to its design and maximum load. Design categories A, B, C and D defined in this standard correspond to design categories A, B, C and D of Directive 2013/53/EU.
Clause 5, 6, 7 Annexes A, B, C, D	I.A.3.2 - Stability and Freeboard	
Clause 6.2, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 7.4, 7.5, 7.8 Annexes C, D, E	I.A.3.3 - Buoyancy and flotation	EN ISO 12217-3 includes the flotation characteristics of craft susceptible to swamping. Habitable non-sailing multihulls susceptible to inversion shall also comply with the inverted buoyancy requirements of ISO 12217-2:2015, clause 7.12.

Clause 6.3, 7.2 Annexes A, B,	I.A.3.5 - Flooding	In respect of watertight integrity and downflooding openings including ventilation openings and fittings.
Clause 5	I.A.3.6 - Maximum recommended load	
Clause 6.2	I.A.3.8 - Escape	Habitable non-sailing multihulls susceptible to inversion shall also comply with the escape requirements of ISO 12217-2:2015, clause 7.13. This standard does not include means of escape in the event of fire.
Annex F	I.A.2.5 - Owner's manual	

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 188, *Small craft*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 12217-3:2013), of which it constitutes a minor revision. It incorporates the following modifications:

- Introduction and [Clause 9.2](#): the reference to the European Directive has been updated (2013/53/EU);
- [Clause 1](#), [subclauses 6.2](#), [6.3.1.5 d](#)) [3](#)) and [F.2 g](#)): vulnerable has been replaced with susceptible.
- [Clause 3](#): definitions [3.1.1](#), [3.3.5](#) and [3.4.9](#) have been amended;
- [Subclause 6.3.2.2 c](#)): option 5 has been included;
- [Subclauses 6.4.2.3](#) and [6.4.2.4](#): the formulae coefficients have been corrected;
- [Subclauses 6.5.2.5](#) and [6.5.3.3 e](#)) [2](#)) and [Table G.1](#) have been slightly amended to remove inconsistencies.
- [Subclause 6.6.1](#) and [Table G.1](#): the formulae have been harmonised with ISO 12217-1;
- [Subclause 7.5.1 b](#)) has been aligned with the text in ISO 12217-2.
- [Subclause 9.2](#): the text has been amended;
- [Annex H](#): worksheets 2, 4, 6, 8 and 15 have been corrected to align with corrections listed above;
- [Annex I](#) has been added;
- Bibliography: reference to ISO 7010 has been added;
- Editorial and cross-referencing corrections have been made to definitions [3.2.2](#) and [3.2.3](#) and to [subclauses 6.4.1](#), [6.4.2.1](#), [6.4.2.2](#) and [6.4.2.3](#), to [Table G.2](#), and to [Annex H](#), worksheet 6.

ISO 12217 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization*:

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- *Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*
- *Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*
- *Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m*

Introduction

This part of ISO 12217 enables the determination of the limiting environmental conditions to be determined for which an individual boat has been designed.

It enables the boat to be assigned to a design category appropriate to its design and maximum load. The design categories used align with those in the Recreational Craft Directive of the European Union, EU Directive 2013/53/EU.

[Annex H](#) provides worksheets to assist in the systematic assessment of a boat according to this part of ISO 12217.

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Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 12217 specifies methods for evaluating the stability and buoyancy of intact (i.e. undamaged) boats. The flotation characteristics of craft susceptible to swamping are also encompassed.

The evaluation of stability and buoyancy properties using this part of ISO 12217 will enable the boat to be assigned to a design category (C or D) appropriate to its design and maximum load.

This part of ISO 12217 is applicable to boats of hull length less than 6 m, whether propelled by human or mechanical power, except habitable sailing multihulls. Boats of hull length less than 6 m which are fitted with a full deck and quick-draining cockpit(s) complying with ISO 11812 may alternatively be assessed using ISO 12217-1 or ISO 12217-2 (for non-sailing and sailing boats, respectively), in which case higher design categories may be assigned.

In relation to habitable multihulls, this part of ISO 12217 includes assessment of susceptibility to inversion, definition of viable means of escape and requirements for inverted flotation.

This part of ISO 12217 excludes:

- inflatable and rigid-inflatable boats covered by ISO 6185, except for references made in ISO 6185 to specific clauses of ISO 12217;
- personal watercraft covered by ISO 13590 and other similar powered craft;
- aquatic toys;
- canoes and kayaks;
- gondolas and pedalos;
- sailing surfboards;
- surfboards, including powered surfboards;
- hydrofoils, foil stabilized boats and hovercraft when not operating in the displacement mode; and
- submersibles.

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