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and of their local scantlings using  
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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The reason underlying the preparation of this document is that standards and recommended practices for loads on the hull and the dimensioning of small craft differ considerably, thus limiting the general worldwide acceptability of boat scantlings. This document has been set towards the minimal requirements of the current practice.

The dimensioning according to this document is regarded as reflecting current practice, provided the craft is correctly handled in the sense of good seamanship and operated at a speed appropriate to the prevailing sea state in a safe and responsible manner, having due cognisance of the prevailing conditions.

Implementation of this document allows to achieve an overall structural strength that ensures the watertight and weathertight integrity of the craft. This document is intended to be a tool to determine the scantlings of a craft as per minimal requirements. It is not intended to be a structural design procedure.

The mechanical property data supplied as default values in this document make no explicit allowance for deterioration in service nor provide any guarantee that these values can be obtained for any particular craft.

Like the other parts of ISO 12215, this document was developed to assess the structure of recreational craft up to 24 m  $L_H$ , but it can also be used, where relevant, for non-recreational craft, workboats or yachts with an IMO load line length of up to 24 m, with the necessary critical mind.

# Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings —

## Part 7:

## Determination of loads for multihulls and of their local scantlings using ISO 12215-5

### 1 Scope

This document defines the dimensions, local design pressures and global loads acting on multihull craft with a hull length ( $L_H$ ) or load line length of up to 24 m (see Note). It considers all parts of the craft that are assumed watertight or weathertight when assessing stability, freeboard and buoyancy in accordance with ISO 12217 (all parts). Scantlings corresponding to the local design pressures are then assessed using ISO 12215-5.

NOTE The load line length is defined in the OMI "International Load Lines Convention 1966/2005", it can be smaller than  $L_H$  for craft with overhangs. This length also sets up at 24 m the lower limit of several IMO conventions.

This document is applicable to multihulls built from the same materials as in ISO 12215-5, in intact condition, and of the two following types:

- recreational craft, including recreational charter vessels;
- commercial craft and workboats.

It is not applicable to multihull racing craft designed only for professional racing.

This document is applicable to the structures supporting windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors.

For the complete scantlings of the craft, this document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 12215-8 for rudders, ISO 12215-9 for appendages of sailing craft and ISO 12215-10 for rig loads and rig attachment in sailing craft. ISO 12215-6 can be used for additional details.

Throughout this document, unless otherwise specified, dimensions are in (m), areas in ( $m^2$ ), masses in (kg), forces in (N), moments in (Nm), Pressures in ( $kN/m^2$ ) ( $1 kN/m^2 = 1 kPa$ ), stresses and elastic modulus in ( $N/mm^2$ ) ( $1 N/mm^2 = 1 MPa$ ).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8666:2020, *Small craft — Principal data*

ISO 12215-5:2019, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stress, scantlings determination*

ISO 12215-8:2009, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 8: Rudders*

ISO 12215-9:2012, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 9: Sailing craft appendages*

ISO 12215-10:2020, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 10: Rig loads and rig attachments in sailing craft*

ISO 12217-1:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-2:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-3:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 multihull

craft with two or more hulls with a connecting *wet deck* (3.8)/crossbeams above the loaded waterline, as opposed to a tunnel boat or scow

Note 1 to entry: See Clause 6 and Figure 2 for the main dimensions of a multihull.

3.2 design categories

description of the sea and wind conditions for which a craft is assessed to be suitable

Note 1 to entry: The design categories are defined in ISO 12217 (all parts).

Note 2 to entry: The definitions of the design categories are in line with the European Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU.

[SOURCE: ISO 12215-5:2019, 3.1.]

3.3 loaded displacement

$m_{LDC}$   
mass of water displaced by the craft, including all appendages, when in fully loaded ready for use condition

Note 1 to entry: The fully loaded ready for use condition is further defined in ISO 8666.

[SOURCE: ISO 12215-5:2019, 3.2.]

3.4 mass in minimum operating conditions

$m_{OC}$   
mass of the craft in minimum operating condition

Note 1 to entry: The minimum operating condition is further defined in ISO 8666.

3.5 sailing craft

craft for which the primary means of propulsion is wind power

Note 1 to entry: It is further defined in ISO 8666.

Note 2 to entry: In this document, non-sailing craft are considered as motor craft.