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**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and EU Directives**

Clauses/sub-clauses of this European Standard	Corresponding annexes/ paragraphs of Directive 2013/53/EU	Comments
	<b>Annex 1, Clause 5.3 - Electrical System</b>	
2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10	Electrical systems shall be designed and installed so as to ensure proper operation of the watercraft under normal conditions of use	The normative references in Clause 2 of this standard are indispensable for its application
4.1, 4.13, 6, 8.5, 8.6	Electrical systems shall be designed and installed so as to minimise risk of fire and electric shock	
4, 7	All electrical circuits, except engine starting circuits supplied from batteries, shall remain safe when exposed to overload	
4, 9, 10	Electric propulsion circuits shall not interact with other circuits in such a way that either would fail to operate as intended	
4.1, 8.5, Annex B(a)	Ventilation shall be provided to prevent the accumulation of explosive gases which might be emitted from batteries	
8.1	Batteries shall be firmly secured and protected from ingress of water	

4.14, 5, Annex A	<b>Annex I, Clause 2.5 - Owner's Manual</b>	Clause 4.14, Figure 1 gives enclosure hazard markings Clause 5 provides information on system alerts and alarms to be included in the owner's manual Annex A provides information necessary for safe use of the product drawing particular attention to set up, maintenance, regular operation, the prevention of risks and risk management
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## ISO 16315:2016(E)

### Introduction

Electrical propulsion systems are becoming more common in recreational craft and other small craft and propulsion system voltages of up to AC 1 000 V and DC 1 500 V are possible together with variable speed drives operating at frequencies which differ from 50/60 Hz or DC.

Electric propulsion systems for small craft are generally designed and constructed from a number of component parts many of which can be of proprietary origin and all of the electrical and control items are interconnected by cables and operated as a system.

There are a significant number of electrical propulsion system architectures for small craft and the main types are the following.

- DC sourced. The main power source is a propulsion battery which is either recharged from on-board DC generators, or on-board AC generators/an AC shore supply through battery chargers. The electric propulsion system(s) may be variable speed through a DC motor controller or AC through a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) or be fixed speed with a variable pitch propeller or other mechanical means of providing thrust. The electric propulsion system may be electrically separate from other electrical systems on board (e.g. be fully insulated via the motor controller, or be an AC IT system via a VFD or motor starter). Or the electrical propulsion system may be integrated with the whole craft DC electrical system using converters DC/DC, DC/AC to provide for different services/consumers.
- AC sourced. The main power source is AC generator(s) generally configured as TT, TN-C or TN-S. The electric propulsion system(s) may be DC variable speed through a AC/DC converter and DC motor controller, or AC through a VFD, or be fixed speed with a variable pitch propeller or other mechanical means of providing thrust. The electric propulsion system may be DC fully insulated system or be an AC IT system via a galvanically isolated VFD or via an isolating transformer. A DC propulsion system(s) may be supported by propulsion battery.
- Also possible are hybrid systems similar to the types being introduced for road vehicles where the source is an internal combustion engine providing, for example, energy to a relatively lightweight energy storage system with power take-off via converters to propulsion motor(s) and other electrical consumers.

It is essential that the electric propulsion system designer/installer be competent with all aspects of the equipment included in the design of a particular system such that the component parts of the propulsion system are integrated in a coherent and safe manner.

Current electrical standards for small craft of less than 24 m LH are the following:

- a) ISO 10133 which is limited to recommendation for the design, construction and installation of direct current systems that operate at a voltage of DC 50 V or less; and
- b) ISO 13297 which is limited to single phase alternating current electrical systems less than AC 250 V.

Neither of these standards includes requirements for electrical propulsion systems.

- c) IEC 60092-507 is applicable to small craft up to 50 m/500 GT and includes requirements for three-phase systems not exceeding AC 500 V and single-phase systems not exceeding AC 250 V and for DC systems and sub-systems not exceeding DC 50 V nominal, and includes a section on electric propulsion systems.

# Small craft — Electric propulsion system

## 1 Scope

This International Standard addresses the design and installation of alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) electrical systems used for the purpose of electrical propulsion and/or electrical hybrid (system with both a rechargeable battery and a fuelled power source) propulsion.

This International Standard applies to electrical propulsion systems operated in the following ranges either individually or in combination:

- direct current of less than 1 500 V DC;
- single-phase alternating current up to AC 1 000 V;
- three-phase alternating current up to AC 1 000 V.

This International Standard applies to electrical propulsion systems installed in small craft up to 24 m length of the hull ( $L_H$  according to ISO 8666).

This International Standard also lists in [Annex A](#) additional information to be included in the owner's manual as well as [Annex B](#) additional information to be provided to the installer.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

- ISO 8846, *Small craft — Electrical devices — Protection against ignition of surrounding flammable gases*
- ISO 9094, *Small craft — Fire protection*
- ISO 10133:2012, *Small craft — Electrical systems — Extra-low-voltage d.c. installations*
- ISO 10239, *Small craft — Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) systems*
- ISO 10240, *Small craft — Owner's manual*
- ISO 11105, *Small craft — Ventilation of petrol engine and/or petrol tank compartments*
- ISO 13297:2014, *Small craft — Electrical systems — Alternating current installations*
- ISO 25197:2012, *Small craft — Electrical/electronic control systems for steering, shift and throttle*
- IEC 60079 (series), *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres*
- IEC 60092-202:1994/Amd 1:1996, *Electrical installation in ships — Part 202: System design — Protection*
- IEC 60092-303, *Electrical installation in ships — Part 303: Equipment — Transformers for power and lighting*
- IEC 60092-352, *Electrical installation in ships — Part 352: Choice and installation of electrical cables*
- IEC 60092-507:2014, *Electrical installations in ships — Part 507: Small vessels*
- IEC 60898-1, *Electrical accessories — Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations — Part 1: Circuit-breakers for a.c. operation*

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