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**Part 2: Boat installations**



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In the preparation of this Standard reference was made to the following:

- (a) IEC 60092-507: Ed.1.0 (2000), *Electrical installations in ships, Part 507: Pleasure craft*.
- (b) ISO 10133, *Small craft—Electrical systems—Extra low voltage d.c. installations*.
- (c) ISO 13297, *Small craft—Electrical systems—Alternating current installations*.
- (d) American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) Standards and Technical Information Reports for Small Craft:
  - (i) A-28, *Galvanic isolators*.
  - (ii) A-32, *AC power conversion equipment and systems*.
  - (iii) E-11, *AC and DC electrical systems on boats*.
  - (iv) S-31, *Environmental considerations for systems and components installed onboard boats*.

and acknowledgement is made of the assistance received therefrom.

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If work on an installation was commenced before publication of this edition, permission can be granted by the relevant regulatory authority or electricity distributor for the installation to be completed under AS/NZS 3004:2008.

It is not the intention of this Standard to limit the introduction and use of emerging technologies. However, designers are reminded that it is essential that the basic tenets of electrical and marine safety be addressed before any other equipment and installation design elements are considered.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for the design, construction and installation of electrical systems in boats that have a length of up to 50 m, and are designed for use on inland waters or at sea.

## NOTES:

- 1 This Standard is not intended to apply to small boats equipped with a battery supplying circuits for engine starting and navigation lighting only that is recharged from an inboard or outboard engine driven alternator.
- 2 Attention is drawn to the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGs)* as amended, which govern specific requirements for navigation lights for boats.
- 3 Attention is drawn to regulations in Australia and New Zealand that govern specific requirements for the safety of electronic and electrical equipment; electromagnetic compatibility requirements; marine safety requirements; energy and water usage; telecommunications and radio communication requirements.  
For high speed boats, attention is drawn to the *Australian National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV)*, Part F: *Special Vessels, Section 1—Fast craft and the Maritime New Zealand Rules*.
- 4 Attention is drawn to the regulatory requirements for the issue of an electrical warrant of fitness for New Zealand boats connected to shore power.

This Standard applies to the following types of d.c. and a.c. electrical systems, individually or in combination:

- (a) Direct current systems that operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding 1500 V.  
NOTE: For example, for many small boats this will be the main electrical system. Alternatively a boat equipped with an a.c. system as its principal electrical system may also be equipped with a d.c. system for navigation and communications equipment supplied from batteries.
- (b) Single phase alternating current systems that operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding 1000 V.  
NOTE: Such a system may be the principal electrical power system of a boat, or a system which may only be energized when connected to a shore supply, a.c. extra-low voltage, safety extra-low voltage etc. circuits may also comprise part of a single-phase a.c. system. A boat may also be equipped with d.c. system(s) as in (a) above.
- (c) Three-phase alternating current systems that operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding 1000 V.  
NOTE: Three-phase systems are likely to be the principal electrical power system of a boat's electrical installation. Such a boat may also be equipped with single-phase a.c. subsystem(s) and d.c. subsystem(s).