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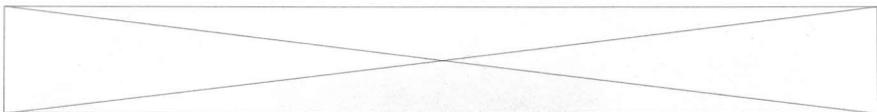
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Monday, November 22, 2010 10:30 AM

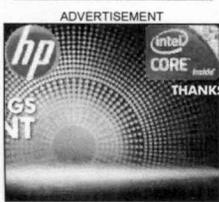
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Craig,

There is no PHRF rule that requires you to remove the hiking straps.

Tom Beery

From: Craig Wilusz <orlandobass2003@yahoo.com>
To: beerytom@yahoo.com
Sent: Sun, November 21, 2010 6:53:44 AM
Subject: PHRF question clarification please.

Hello. Craig Wilusz, with Viper 640 here.

I have a question in regards to hiking straps in PHRF. The Viper 640 has a hiking strap set up. I am fully aware of the no hiking rule and intend to follow and honor the rule. My question pertains to leaving them on the boat. Without using the hiking straps may I leave them attached to the boat per the OD setup. there are three issues involved.

- 1) Safety: Without using the straps to hike, it is nice and safe to be able to lock our feet into the straps for safety to be accidentally tossed from the boat. The straps are used as a crew lock in point in different PHRF regions in the country.
- 2) Future Safety. The hiking strap set up requires to bunji's for each strap and 5 tie down points. I have concerns that undoing and removing these lines and bunjis will increase the wear/down/breakdown of the lines and bunjis themselves, possibly leading to failure later when in use, allowing for crew to fall out of boat.
- 3) Time. The boat is used in OD and Portsmouth where the straps are allowed. I would prefer not to have to untie and undo the 2 bunjies and 5 tie tie points (per strap) and retie them all again numerous times throughout the year.

I am hoping that the ruling is that the straps may be permitted to stay in position on the boat for safety and maintaince issues as the no hiking rule is follwed to the letter.

Thank you.

Craig Wilusz
Viper 640

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