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To: Dick Roberts
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Subject: Lifeline Committee

I generally favor that we continue the lifeline waiver into the 1997 racing season and perhaps beyond. The following comments are offered:

The ORC Special Regulations include Item 3.0, Inspection. If we wish to fully adhere to ORC regulations, that should include inspection. We should not cede this responsibility to skippers (to protest infractions).

The December 1996 "Sailing World" includes a letter by John Collins and reply by Peter Isler (pg20) on the subject of lifelines. Mr. Isler says that "PHRF of Southern California chose not to adopt the complete ORC regulations including the lifeline rule you mention. It has developed its own regulations pertaining to lifelines."

If we decide to adhere to the ORC Special Regulations on lifelines, I suggest zero waivers. Waivers would compromise the litigation issue and would be difficult to manage fairly.

Norm