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# HSC6 Protection of Propeller Shafts

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Reg. 9.8

## Interpretation of paragraph 9.8 of the High Speed Craft Code 2000, Chapter 9, part B, Section 8

Paragraph 9.8 reads as follows:

### Means for return to a port of refuge for category B craft

Category B craft shall be capable of maintaining the essential machinery and control so that, in the event of a fire or other casualties in any one compartment on board, the craft can return to a port of refuge under its own power.

### Interpretation

On monohulls, propeller shaft and bearings of at least one main engine, when passing through the aft machinery space, are to be protected as follows:

- steel shaft bearings by water spray,
- shafts made of composite material (FRP), either by
  - passive fire protection for 60 minutes duration, or
  - a water spray system and able to transmit the full torque of the propulsion engine after a standard fire test of 7 minutes.

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### Note:

1. Rev.1 of this Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships constructed on or after 1 July 2022.

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