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**ABYC H-27**

**SEACOCKS, THRU-HULL FITTINGS, AND DRAIN PLUGS**

**REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATIONS**

Upon written request the Hull Piping PTC will render an interpretation of any requirement of the Standard. The request for interpretation should be clear and unambiguous. Requests should be presented to the PTC in a manner in which they may be answered in a yes or no fashion.

The committee reserves the right to reconsider any interpretation when or if additional information which might affect it becomes available to the PTC. Persons aggrieved by an interpretation may appeal to the Committee for reinterpretation.
Request for Interpretation

RFI ORIGIN DATE:
3/21/2013

BACKGROUND:
Many manufacturers believe that when their boats have level float they don't need anything else to stop the admission of water (See H-27.5.1 EXCEPTION 1). I believe the statement says that while they are not required to provide a seacock, they still need to provide some other readily accessible means to stop the admission of water from a below the waterline opening.

QUESTION:
As reinforced piping or hose will not stop the admission of water in the event of failure, are boats that meet the requirements of H-8 for level flotation and do not have a seacock for hull penetrations below the waterline required to have additional means (e.g., a plug, rag, etc.)?

ANSWER:
Yes