

Victor Shane's Drag Device DataBase

In recognition of the implicit relationship between drag devices and offshore safety, a number of drag device manufacturers are participating in the Drag Device DataBase program. The purpose of the program is to accumulate, catalog, and publish accurate information about real-life uses of drag devices and to provide a scientific basis for comparison of the variables involved.

If you have used a sea anchor, drogue or other type of drag device in heavy weather, please participate in this ongoing program by completing the standardized DDDDB form below. By your accurate feedback you will be contributing greatly to the cause of offshore safety. Alternatively you can also complete the form online by going to <http://DragDeviceDB.com/db/submit-your-own-case-report>

Your Details:

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number (including country code) _____
Experience (sea miles) _____
Do you have a blog post about this experience? Enter URL for the actual page: _____

Your Boat's Details

Vessels' Name _____
Hailing Port _____
Type/Model/Class _____
Design/er _____
LOA ____LWL ____ Beam____Draft ____ Displ_____

Sailing Vessels

Hull Type : Monohull Trimaran Catamaran Other _____
Rig: Sloop Cutter Ketch Schooner Other _____
Keel: None Centerboard Fin (shallow & wide) Fin (twin bilge keels) Fin (standard) Fin (deep & narrow) 'Brewer Bite' Full Full, with cutaway forefoot
Rudder: Transom hung Spade Skeg Keel Mounted
Self Steering Type _____
Additional Comments

Power Vessels

Type : Pleasure F/V RIB Research Other _____
Additional Comments

Rowing Boats

Please describe your boat

Drag Device Used

Sea Anchor (off bow) Drogue (off stern) None
Diameter : _____ Trip-Line Used? Full Partial None
Make/Model _____

Rode Particulars

Nylon Polyester Polypropylene Nylon/Polyester combo
 Dyneema/Spectra
Construction : 3-strand Single Braid Double Braid
Rode Length _____ **Bridle Arms Length (if used)** _____
Swivel Type & Size _____

Incident Details

Exact Date of Incident _____
Incident Occurred During:
 Commercial Fishing Oceanographic Use Other Commercial
 Weekend Outing Racing Coastal Passage Ocean Passage
 Circumnavigation
Location: Lat: _____ Long: _____
Traveling from: _____ **To:** _____
Approximate Depth of Water : _____
Duration of Time Using Drag Device: _____
How many nautical miles did the vessel drift during the time it was tethered to the sea anchor ? _____

Weather Details

Adversity Encountered (no exaggerations, please!)
 Low System Gale Strong Gale Storm Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Hurricane/Tropical Cyclone
Barometer : _____
Currents (direction of flow and speed) _____
Wind Conditions: please describe the wind direction, strength (sustained and gusts), and any other notable features:

Sea States: Trochoidal (rounded tops, stable)
 Cychloidal (steep, breaking/unstable)

Wave Size - please describe the waves - significant height, period, wave length, etc. (no exaggerations, please!)

Any Genuine Rogue Waves (how many) ? _____
At what angle did these maverick waves intrude into the dominant seaway? 10° 20° 30° 45° >45° _____

Additional Comments - Please use the other side of this page (or additional sheets) to tell us as much as you can about your experience, including observations of what went right, what went wrong, chafe, breakages, lessons learned, suggestions etc. The more you can tell us, the more useful it will be for others.

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Signed _____ **Date** _____

Once completed please take a photo of it or scan it and upload it (along with any photos, GRIB files, log book entries etc) at <http://DragDeviceDB.com/upload> or else send it by snail mail to the address listed on that page.