

# RULES FOR HANDLING BOATS [NP]

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize, variations in the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 61.4(b)
- 1.2. Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.

## 2. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise,

### 2.1. **the following are prohibited**, subject to umpire-initiated penalty on the water:

- (a) The use of electronic instruments other than watches or action cameras;
- (b) Moving the mast chocks;
- (c) The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) or the boom, to facilitate tacking or gybing by aiding the projection of a crew member outboard;
- (d) Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the jib;
- (e) Sitting with leg(s) outboard of the boat;
- (f) The use of any running rigging other than a working sheet, mainsheet traveller and backstay line for the purpose of hiking;
- (g) Omitting any headsail car or turning block;
- (h) Sailing in an area designated as an exclusion zone;
- (i) Having the head of the spinnaker above the main boom gooseneck when tacking;
- (j) Changing the number of purchases in either the main or jib sheet;
- (k) Hoisting or lowering the spinnaker to/from anywhere other than a cockpit locker;
- (l) The use of the spinnaker pole stowage loop on the boom for controlling the position of the boom;
- (m) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.

### 2.2. **Actions subject to protest by the RC or the PC**

- (a) Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied. In particular, the cutting or shortening of any sheets, control lines or other running rigging;
- (b) The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC;
- (c) Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict would cause significant damage;
- (d) Taking a boat without permission from its berth or mooring without having paid the required Damage Deposit or having permission from the RC, or while AP is displayed ashore;
- (e) Leaving any equipment, including lines and fender(s) behind when leaving a berth or mooring
- (f) Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink;
- (g) Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales;
- (h) The addition of tape or other material to spinnaker or jib halyards other than where they attach to the sail;
- (i) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted;
- (j) Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay when fitted;
- (k) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used;
- (l) Hauling-out or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.

## 3. PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS - The following are permitted:

### 3.1. Taking on board the following equipment:

- (a) basic hand tools; electrical tape; line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less); tell-tale material; watches and timers; shackles and clevis pins; velcro tape.

### 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:

- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets; attach tell tales; prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard; mark control settings; make minor repairs and permitted adjustments.

### 3.3. Using the rail on the vertical walls of the cockpit for the purpose of hiking normally. This changes RRS 49.1.

## 4. MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS - The following are mandatory:

### 4.1. At the end of each sailing day:

- (a) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
- (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day, including removing all trash.
- (c) complying with the directions posted on the boats or given by the OA.

### 4.2. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.