

International Masters Regatta

Amended* (10/19/2021) Addendum 1 – Boat Handling Rules, Permitted / Prohibited Actions & Equipment

A1 GENERAL [DP] [NP]

- 1.1. Code of Conduct: Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship.
- 1.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. Upon observing a violation of the provisions of any of the sections below, the protest committee may act in accordance with RRS 60.
- 1.3. Competitors shall not adjust or change any standing rigging, settings or mast chocks during the regatta, other than the backstay, which may be adjusted using the hydraulic adjuster provided.
- 1.4. Boats must be sailed using sails, equipment and rigging provided by the organizing authority. Except for the spinnaker, name placard and Y flag, no item of equipment provided to the boats by the OA shall be removed from any boat.
- 1.5. Teams shall inspect their boat prior to each race. Any discrepancies in equipment or condition of the boat should be noted on the team discrepancy form and must be reported to the race committee in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. Discrepancy form is maintained by each team and signed by the skipper. The discrepancy form travels with each skipper from boat to boat and is turned into the Bosun Desk upon return to the SDYC dock at the end of each race day. Unreported discrepancies found by the OA at the end of the day will be assessed and if applicable, divided among the teams using the boat on the day the damage or loss occurred.
- 1.6. Any request to alter, in any way, the rigging, layout or equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer. Requests shall be submitted to the Boat Coordinator.
- 1.7. When flag D is displayed by the race committee before the warning signal, spinnakers may not be used on any leg of the course.
- 1.8. Each team will carry its assigned spinnaker and name placards from boat to boat during rotations.
- 1.9. Each day, spinnakers, name placards, and Y flags shall be checked-in with the organizing authority in the Jessop Room within 30 minutes of docking.

A2 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS [DP] [NP]

The following are permitted.

- 2.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) adhesive tape
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - (d) non-permanent marking pens
 - (e) telltale material
 - (f) devices for determining timing and bearing, either analog or digital. Devices with additional capabilities relating to a boats location and performance are not allowed to be accessed.
 - (g) misc. small sailing hardware (shackles, clevis pins, ring-dings, etc.)
 - (h) velcro tape
 - (i) kelp stick and/or floss line
 - (j) hand held VHF
 - (k) personal PFDs
- 2.2 Using the items in 2.1 to:
 - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - (b) attach tell tales
 - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - (d) mark control settings
 - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

- (f) clearing underwater foils or strut

A3 MANDATORY ITEMS [DP] [NP]

The following are mandatory:

- 3.1 Discrepancies or damage shall be recorded on the Boat Discrepancy/Damage Form managed by each team. If discrepancies or damage occurs prior to the start, during or after the race it should be recorded on the form and reported to the regatta bosun on VHF channel 63.
- 3.2 At the end of each sailing day:
 - (a) leave the jib rolled on the head stay with jib sheets attached
 - (b) roll the main sail and store on the boom
 - (c) return your spinnaker, name placards, and Y flags to the Jessop Room
 - (d) ensure the Bosun Desk receives the completed Boat Discrepancy Form signed by the skipper
 - (e) leave all blocks and running rigging in place
 - (f) remove all trash
 - (g) release backstay tension
 - (h) turn batteries off and put engine key on nav table
- 3.3 At the end of the final day:
 - (a) furl jib, coil sheets on winches
 - (b) lower main, loosen top batten, roll and bag main, store below
 - (c) bag spinnaker
 - (d) return spinnaker, name placards and Y flags to Jessop Room
 - (e) return Daily Boat Discrepancy/Damage Form to the Bosun

A4 PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT and ACTIONS [DP] [NP]

Except in an emergency, for personal safety, or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by the OA, otherwise, the following are **prohibited**:

- 4.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the boat or sailing equipment supplied, other than allowed by A2.
- 4.2 The use of any of the supplied equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 4.3 The replacement of any equipment without the notification and approval of the race committee or regatta bosun.
- 4.4 Moving supplied equipment (anchors, tools, lifejackets, etc.) from its current stowage position except when being used.
- 4.6 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 4.7 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 4.8 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 4.9 Running the engine over RPM noted next to shifter in cockpit.
- 4.10 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 4.11 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- 4.12 The use of any on-board instruments.
- 4.13 The use of all installed sailing instruments, compasses and VHF radios.
- 4.16 The use of the head onboard.

- A5 BOAT HANDLING RULES [DP] [NP] (These rules are not protestable by a boat. A penalty may be initiated by an Umpire under Q4.1)**
- 5.1 When taking a penalty, the head of the spinnaker shall be below the main-boom gooseneck from the time the boat passes head to wind until she is on a close-hauled course. This changes RRS 44.2
 - 5.2 The torso and legs of the helmsman, while steering when racing, must at all times remain aft of the mainsheet traveler.
 - 5.3 Hanging on the mast, boom, or shrouds, or pushing against the upper lifelines to promote roll tacking or roll gybing or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited at all times. For the purpose of RRS 49.2, roll tacking or roll gybing shall not be a “necessary task”.
 - 5.4 Jibs may only be sheeted to the primary leeward side winch. Sheeting the jib to the cabin top winches, inhauling and cross-sheeting the jib to the primary winches are prohibited.
 - 5.5 Competitors may not stabilize the rig (frack) while the spinnaker is set by tensioning the jib sheets. Sheets may stay on the winches and should have visible droop between furled jib clew and jib fairlead.
 - 5.6 When not in the process of setting, flying or taking down the spinnaker, the bowsprit shall be retracted so that the tip of the sprit is fully retracted. Approaching a windward mark without the spinnaker set, the bowsprit shall not be extended until the bow of the boat has passed mark 1A (offset mark). The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after taking the spinnaker down. The umpires will not consider the bowsprit for overlaps at a windward mark without the spinnaker set. Any damage resulting from contact to the extended bowsprit will be assessed as Major Damage.
 - 5.7 Crews are not allowed to use the heads on-board the J105s. Buckets will be provided on-board, and the changing dock anchor boat head(s) can be used if required by a crew member.

***Amendment notes:** *Changes to this document were either administrative or to provide consistent words and phrases throughout the documents for this event. No alteration of equipment or boat handling rules were made.*