

Notice #1 Electronic Devices and Hiking

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RE: use of electronic devices including but not limited to GPS enabled watches. This is addressed in two places.

In our Appendix A: 11.K

K. Communications Devices

This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and RRS 41 for the IECA. Where VHF is required by boats to comply with governmental or national authority laws or regulations affecting the venue or for communication by or to the Race Committee, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall specify how, when and for what purpose any radio wave communications device is to be used.

In Class sanctioned events, the use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

In Class sanctioned events, watches that include a GPS function (and similar devices) are not allowed on the boat during racing.

In the Sailing Instructions

26.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in SI's 26.1. Or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the RC or the IJ. (DP)

RE: non-permitted methods of hiking. This is addressed in the Class Rules:

C.2.3 HIKING

(a) When hiking in the sitting position, no part of the crew's body between the middle of the thigh and the feet shall be outboard of the sheerline.

(b) When hiking in the lying position, at least one arm and one leg shall be completely inboard of the sheerline.

©.. The use of ONLY the headsail, spinnaker and/or mainsheets and/or a single safety line attached to the top of the console, held solely in the hands, may be used to assist hiking. The safety line shall be of constant thickness, maximum diameter 10mm. It shall have no knots, loops or splices other than to attach it to the console. When extended outboard perpendicular to the sheerline, it shall extend no more than 300mm from the sheerline.

(d).. No rope, wire, rail, handhold or other special device shall be used by any member of the crew for the purpose of supporting his weight outboard of the sheerline.

(e) Hiking straps and stiffeners worn under the thighs are not permitted. This amends RRS 49.1.

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