

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 52

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To use terminology that matches the intent of the rule and is not subject to misinterpretation.

Proposal

52 HUMAN ~~MANUAL~~ POWER

A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages shall be adjusted and operated only by human ~~manual~~ power.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

It is common for crew members to use power in their legs and torsos when adjusting or operating sheets and spars. The use of "manual power" can be interpreted to mean that such adjustment must involve just the crew's hands. "Human power" is not subject to this interpretation.