The Equipment Rules of Sailing

New B1 – POSITION OF EQUIPMENT

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Proposal

Re-title, reorder and amend the Section B rules as follows:

B.1 POSITION OF EQUIPMENT

B.1.1 Mast Upper Limit Mark
The mainsail shall be below the mast upper limit mark.

B.1.2 Mast Lower Limit Mark
When a sail is set on a main boom, foremost boom or mizzen boom, the extension of the upper edge of the spar shall intersect the mast spar above the mast lower limit mark, with the boom spar on the mast spar centreplane and at 90° to the mast spar.

B.1.3 Boom Outer Limit Mark
The leech of any sail set on a boom, extended as necessary, shall intersect the upper edge of the boom spar forward of the boom outer limit mark.

B.1.4 Bowsprit Outer Limit Mark
The tack of any headsail set on a bowsprit shall be attached aft of the bowsprit outer limit mark.

B.1.5 Bowsprit Inner Limit Mark
The bowsprit inner limit mark shall not be outboard the hull when the bowsprit is set.

B.2 HEADSAIL BOOMS
The fore end of the boom spar a headsail boom shall be approximately on the boat centerplane.

B.3 SPINNAKER STAYSAILS AND MIZZEN STAYSAILS
The tack of a spinnaker staysail or mizzen staysail shall be inboard the sheerline.

Current Position

B.1 LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES
See RRS rule 1 Safety and RRS rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices.
B.2 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT
See RRS rule 43 Competitor Clothing and Equipment.

B.3 LIMITATIONS ON EQUIPMENT
See RRS rule 47 Limitations on Equipment and Crew.

B.4 LIMITATIONS ON CREW AND CREW POSITION
See RRS rule 47 Limitations on Equipment and Crew and RRS rule 49 Crew Position.

B.5 MANUAL POWER
See RRS rule 52 Manual Power.

B.6 EJECTING OR RELEASING OF SUBSTANCE
See RRS rule 53 Skin Friction.

B.7 SETTING OF SPARS

B.7.1 Mainsail, Foresail and Mizzen Booms set on a Mast
When the sail is set on a main boom, foremast boom or mizzen boom, the extension of the upper edge of the spar shall intersect the mast spar above the lower limit mark, with the boom spar on the mast spar centreplane and at 90° to the mast spar.

B.7.2 Headsail Booms
The fore end of the boom spar shall be approximately on the boat centreplane.

B.7.3 Spinnaker and Whisker Poles
See RRS rule 50 Setting and Sheeting Sails.

B.7.4 Bowsprits
The inner limit mark shall not be outboard the hull when the bowsprit is set.

B.8 SETTING OF RIGGING

B.8.1 Forestays
See RRS rule 54 Forestays and Headsail Tacks.

B.9 SETTING, SHEETING AND CHANGING SAILS

B.9.1 Trilateral Mainsails, Foresails and Mizzens
(a) The sail shall be below the mast upper limit mark.
(b) The leech, extended as necessary, shall intersect the upper edge of the boom spar forward of the outer limit mark.
(c) The foot of a loose footed sail, extended as necessary, shall intersect the mast spar above the lower limit mark.

B.9.2 Headsails set on a Bowsprit
The tack of any headsail set on a bowsprit shall be attached aft of the outer limit mark.
See also RRS rule 54 Forestays and Headsail Tacks.

B.9.3 **Spinnaker Staysails and Mizzen Staysails**

The **tack** shall be inboard the **sheerline**.

See also RRS rule 50 Setting and sheeting Sails.

B.10 **CENTRE OF GRAVITY**

B.10.1 **Corrector weights** shall be securely fixed.

See also RRS rule 51 Movable Ballast.

B.11 **ANCHORING, MAKING FAST AND HAULING OUT**

See RRS rule 45 Hauling Out; Making Fast; Anchoring.

B.12 **FOG SIGNALS AND LIGHTS**

See RRS rule 48 Fog Signals and Lights

**Reason**

To reflect the proposed changes to Section B covered by Submissions 072-10 and 073-10. Rules on positioning equipment in relation to limit marks are proposed to be assembled in the proposed new B1.