The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective 1st April 2013 by the Class Rules Sub-committee.

**Class Rule 3.2.5**

**Amendment:**

3.2.5 The deck shall be fitted with two stanchions on each side, port and starboard as detailed in Plan A. Taut lifelines of wire not less than 4mm diameter shall be attached to the pulp and the pushpit and pass through the stanchions. The height of the lifelines above the sheerline when measured vertically shall not be less than 500mm. Where second lifelines are fitted, they shall be of wire not less than 3mm diameter, attached to the pulp and the pushpit. When lifelines are secured by lanyards, the lanyards shall be of synthetic rope with an exposed length of not more than 100mm. The stanchions shall not extend outside of the sheer in plan.

**Class Rule 3.5.2**

**Amendment:**

c) The mast shall be fixed at the heel and be chocked at deck level in way of the mast and shall not be altered when racing, by screws or pins to the mast beam, and shall be securely chocked at deck level by any manner of shims or a plate fixed on top of the deck. The position of the mast at the heel and the deck shall not be altered when racing.

**Class Rule 3.5.3 (Standing Rigging)**

**Amendment:**

f) The overall length of the axis of the spreaders from the surface of the mast to the bearing point of the upper shrouds shall not be more than 800mm or less than 760mm. A straight line between the shroud bearing surface of each spreader shall not be less than 95mm measured as the shortest distance from the aft edge of the mast, measured with or without rig tension.

**Class Rule 3.5.4 Running Rigging**

**Amendment:** Replace existing rule with

a) One spinnaker halyard of synthetic rope which shall exit through the mast bracket and bear not more than 35mm forward of the mast or more than 40mm above the center of the forestay fixing pin.
b) One mainsail halyard of wire and/or synthetic rope.

c) Not more than two jib or genoa halyards of wire and/or synthetic rope which shall exit the forward surface of the mast below the intersection of the extension of the forestay and the mast surface.

d) One kicking strap (vang) of synthetic rope not exceeding 8:1 power ratio. A strop of wire or synthetic rope may be used to connect the kicking strap to its bracket on the mast.

e) One mainsailouthaul of wire and/or synthetic rope not exceeding 6:1 power ratio.

f) Cunningham controls of synthetic rope not exceeding 6:1 power ratio which may include a single wire or rope strop for attachment to the mainsail or headsail.

g) One backstay adjuster tackle of synthetic rope not exceeding 4:1 power ratio attached to the bridle blocks.

h) Two mainsheet traveler control lines of synthetic rope not exceeding 2:1 power ratio.

i) One mainsheet of synthetic rope not exceeding 6:1 power ratio.

j) Spinnaker sheets of synthetic rope.

k) Headsail sheets of synthetic rope.

l) Reefing lines of synthetic rope.

m) One spinnaker pole uphaul of synthetic rope.

Class Rule 3.5.6
Amendment:
3.5.6 Spinnaker Pole Boom. The overall length of the spinnaker Pole Boom, including fittings, shall be not more than 2895mm. The weight of the spinnaker Pole Boom and fittings shall not be less than 2.7kg. The spinnaker pole may be made of any material.

Class Rule 6.1.14 (Optional Equipment)
Amendment:
One spinnaker sheet Barber hauler may be fitted port and starboard, each consisting of one or two fairleads or blocks with accompanying cleat.
Class Rule 6.1.22 (Optional Equipment)
Amendment:
Watertight inspection ports, may be fitted as necessary to facilitate use of the lifting rig and to allow access to fittings and sealed spaces. not exceeding 102mm inside diameter may be fitted to the cabin top and cabin liner directly above the lifting beam. Ports shall be closed when racing.

Class Rule 6.1.23
Amendment:
6.1.23 Foam or plastic cushions may be fitted to the upper and/or lower lifelines.

Class Rule 6.1.30 (Optional Equipment)
New Rule:
6.1.30. A device to adjust the position of the mast heel on the mast beam.

Class Rule 6.1.31
New Rule:
6.1.31 One spinnaker pole downhaul.

Class Rule 7.1.19
Amendment:
The use of elastic (shock) cord to adjust the standing or running rigging with the following specific exceptions:
   a) to hold down sails.
   b) to return the backstay adjuster toward the untensioned position
   c) a single length stretched around the mast and/or across the cabin top behind the mast for the purpose of retaining rope tails.

Class Rule 8.1.4 (Restriction When Racing)
Amendment:
The adjustment of standing rigging, including all turnbuckles and the ability to adjust the position of the mast heel by any method. The connection to the mast heel of any adjustment device or equipment. the position of the mast heel.
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