

Class Rule Changes

International 49er Class Association

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Amend Existing Class Rule C.9.6 (a) (i) (x) for both the 49er and 49erFX Classes

Current Rule C.9.6 (x)

A jib downhaul may be lead aft using a single thimble, but no sheaves, or cleats to terminate **either** at the jib track, the mast foot, or the sheave on the deck that pulls out the pole.

Amend to Read

C.9.6 (x) A jib downhaul may be lead aft using a single thimble, but no sheaves, or cleats to terminate at the jib track, the mast foot, **the joint where the wing connects to the hull** or a sheave on the deck that pulls out the gennaker pole.

Amend Existing Class Rule C.4.1 (b) for both the 49er and 49erFX Classes

Current Rule C.4.1

- (a) The boat shall be equipped with personal flotation devices (PFD) for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent.
- (b) Inflatable vests are not permitted.
- (c) The maximum permitted weight of the trapeze harness shall be 2.4kg. This changes RRS 50.1(b)
- (d) The trapeze harness shall have positive buoyancy in fresh water

Amend to Read

- (a) The boat shall be equipped with **personal flotation devices** (PFD) for each crew member to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent. Inflatable **personal flotation devices** are not permitted.
- (b) The maximum permitted weight of the trapeze harness shall be 2.4kg. This changes RRS 50.1(b)
- ~~(d) The trapeze harness shall have positive buoyancy in fresh water~~

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GENERAL

RULES

(a) RRS 42 shall apply as amended below:

RRS 42.3 is changed as follows.

(j) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction.

(b) RRS 49.1 is changed to: 'The crew shall use no device designed to position their body outboard other than a trapeze'.

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GENERAL

RULES

(a) RRS 42 shall apply as amended below:

RRS **42.2** is changed as follows.

(d) A boat may be sculled if the sculling does not propel the boat in any direction.

(b) RRS 49.1 is changed to: 'The crew shall use no device designed to position their body outboard other than a trapeze'.