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Amendment One

C.1.1 RULES

Old

- (b) RRS 49.1 is amended such that 1 member of the crew may use a trapeze.

Amend to read:

- (b) RRS 49.1 is changed to: 'A crew member shall use no device designed to position his body outboard other than a trapeze, hiking straps and hiking aids worn under the thighs

Amendment Two

C.1.1 RULES

Old

- (d) RRS Appendix G1.3(d) shall not apply.

Amend to read:

- (d) RRS Appendix G1.3(c)3 shall not apply.

Amendment Four

C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

C.3.1 MANDATORY

Old:

- (b) Each competitor shall carry at all times a SOLAS approved whistle.

Amend to read:

- (b) Each competitor shall carry at all times a SOLAS EN394 ISO 12402-8 approved whistle.

Amendment Six

C.5.1 OPTIONAL

Old:

- C.5.1 (f) The use of a mast float is optional in all except the World Championship, European Championship and Super Series events.

Amend to read:

- C.5.1 (f) The use of a mast float is optional in all except the World Championship, Continental Championships and Euro Cup events.

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Amendment Seven

Add new Rule:

C.5.2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

When equipment supplied by the Organising Authority is carried by or worn by the competitor it shall not be accounted for as “competitors” clothing and equipment. This changes RRS 50.1(b).

Amendment Eight

C.6 BOAT

Old:

C.6.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

Localised repairs to damaged equipment may be undertaken. Any repair shall not be used to reinforce an existing part or add a function.

- (a) The use of shock cord or adhesive tape is in general unrestricted, except that such material shall not be used in such a way as to create a fitting or extend a function.
- (b) Replacement of non-skid tape or paint to the deck moulding is permitted.
- (c) Any cleat may be replaced with a cleat of any material and of substantially the same size and design.
- (d) Any cleat including integrated fairlead may be replaced with a cleat of any material and of substantially the same size and design.
- (e) Any block may be replaced with a block of the same number of sheaves of similar or greater diameter. Ratchet blocks have no sheave diameter restrictions. Ratchet blocks may be used for the gennaker sheets and as a mainsheet block.
- (f) Any attachment of blocks may be replaced. Attachment for blocks shall be of substantially the same size and design.
- (g) Any other fitting than those mentioned in C.6.1 (c), (d), (e), (f) and (p), shall only be replaced by the same model or a replacement by a licensed builder.
- (h) Replacements shall be fitted in the same position as the standard fitting, or as close as is structurally possible.
- (i) To facilitate advertising painting and vinyl or similar may be added to the sails, hull and spars for this purpose except that as per C.7.3.(a) hull may not be painted.
- (j) The distance between the centre of the centre hole in the stemhead fitting and the front face of the mast spar at the top of the heel plug, measured in a straight line between these two points shall be a minimum 1820mm maximum 1830mm.

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- (k) An additional wedge may be fitted under the mast partner, adjacent to and in front of the gennaker halyard turning block to facilitate the retraction of the bow sprit.
- (l) The shrouds may be fitted with a turnbuckle between the wire end and the hull fixing point.
- (m) Springs or riser of any material may be used to hold the gennaker block in an upright position.
- (n) The use of thimbles, clips rings, balls or similar may be added to direct control lines and their shock cord take ups.
- (o) Tails of control lines may include a single small handle or a ball.
- (p) Any toe strap may be replaced with a toe strap of any material and of substantially the same size and design.
- (q) A mainsheet block retaining line is permitted.

Amend to read:

C.6 BOAT

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C.6.1 MODIFICATIONS

- (a) The use of shock cord or adhesive tape is in general unrestricted, except that such material shall not be used in such a way as to create a fitting or extend a function.
- (b) Any cleat may be replaced with a cleat of any material and of substantially the same size and design
- (c) Any cleat including integrated fairlead may be replaced with a cleat of any material and of substantially the same size and design.
- (d) Any block may be replaced with a block of the same number of sheaves of similar or greater diameter. Ratchet blocks have no sheave diameter restrictions. Ratchet blocks may be used for the gennaker sheets and as a mainsheet block.
- (e) Any attachment of blocks may be replaced. Attachment for blocks shall be of substantially the same size and design.
- (f) Any other fitting than those mentioned in C.6.1 (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall only be replaced by the same model or a replacement by a licensed builder.
- (g) Replacements shall be fitted in the same position as the standard fitting, or as close as is structurally possible.

C.6.2 MAINTENANCE

- (a) Replacement of non-skid tape or paint to the deck moulding is permitted

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- (b) An additional wedge may be fitted under the mast partner, adjacent to and in front of the gennaker halyard turning block to facilitate the retraction of the **bow sprit**.
- (c) The **shrouds** may be fitted with a turnbuckle between the wire end and the hull fixing point.
- (d) Springs or riser of any material may be used to hold the gennaker block in an upright position.
- (e) The use of thimbles, clips rings, balls or similar may be added to direct control lines and their shock cord take ups.
- (f) Tails of control lines may include a single small handle or a ball.
- (g) Any toe strap may be replaced with a toe strap of any material and of substantially the same size and design.
- (h) A mainsheet block retaining line is permitted.
- (i) **Cleaning** and **polishing** the surface of the **hull, hull appendages** and other equipment is permitted

C.6.3 REPAIR

- (a) To facilitate advertising, painting and vinyl or similar material may be added to the **sails, hull** and **spars** for this purpose except that as per C.7.3.(a), hull may not be painted.
- (b) **Repairs** may be undertaken.

C.6.4 DIMENSIONS

- (a) The distance between the center of the middle hole in the stemhead fitting and the front face of the **mast spar** at the top of the heel plug, measured in a straight line between these two points shall be a minimum 1820mm maximum 1830mm.

Amendment Nine

C.7 HULL

Amend to delete:

Localized repairs to damaged equipment may be undertaken. Any repair shall not be used to reinforce an existing part or add a function.

Reason for Amendment Ten

Amend to add:

C.7.1 MODIFICATIONS

- (k) The hull's stemhead forestay fitting, and their attachment fittings may be covered with protective covering, however, the function of the fittings shall not be changed.

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Amendment Eleven

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

Old:

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C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- a) For foils of GRP construction: Repairs to damage in the leading and trailing edge may be filled and faired into the original shape. (Advisory note: nowhere in this rule is re-finishing, fairing of the daggerboard and rudder blade permitted except to facilitate localised repair).
- (b) For foils of aluminium construction: The daggerboard and rudder blade ends may be sanded, filled or painted in order to maintain their original shape.
- (c) The tiller forward of the rudder stock may be modified.
- (d) The rudder stock packing may be of any material.
- (e) The tiller extensions may be replaced without any restrictions as to design and material.
- (f) The use of Single or Twin tiller extensions are permitted.

C.8.2 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one daggerboard and one rudder blade shall be used during an event except when an item has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Any replacement shall only be made with the approval of the RC.

Amend to read

C.8 HULL APPENDAGES

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

C.8.1 MODIFICATIONS

- (a) The tiller forward of the rudder stock may be modified.
- (b) The tiller extensions may be replaced without any restrictions as to design and material.
- (c) The use of Single or Twin tiller extensions is permitted.

C.8.2 MAINTENANCE

- (a) The rudder stock packing may be of any material.

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C.8.3 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one daggerboard and one rudder blade shall be used during an event except when an item has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Any replacement shall only be made with the approval of the TC or in the absence of it, the RC.

Amendment Twelve

C.9 RIG

Old:

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

~~Localized repairs to damaged equipment may be undertaken. Any repair shall not be used to reinforce an existing part or add a function.~~

C.9.1 MODIFICATIONS ~~MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR~~

- (a) Replacement of fittings may be made and if needed to facilitate repair the fitting may be modified to accommodate slightly larger fixings.
- ~~(b) Standing rigging may be replaced and shall comply with the following:~~
- ~~(i) The forestay and shrouds shall be 3.0mm – 3.5mm diameter 1x7 or 1x19 stainless steel wire.~~
- (c) The lower part of the forestay and shrouds, and their attachment fittings may be covered with protective covering; however, the function of the fittings shall not be changed.
- (d) Rig pins may be replaced by quick pins or any other type of pins.
- (e) Tufts or ribbons attached to the **rigging** are permitted.

Amend to read

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

C.9.1 MODIFICATIONS

- (a) Replacement of fittings may be made and if needed to facilitate repair the fitting may be modified to accommodate slightly larger fixings.
- (b) The lower part of the forestay and shrouds, and their attachment fittings may be covered with protective covering; however, the function of the fittings shall not be changed.
- (c) Rig pins may be replaced by quick pins or any other type of pins.
- (d) Tufts or ribbons attached to the **rigging** are permitted.

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C.9.2 MAINTENANCE

- (a) Standing **rigging** may be replaced and shall comply with the following:
 - (i) The forestay and shrouds shall be 3.0mm - 3.5mm diameter 1x7 or 1x19 stainless steel wire.

Amendment Thirteen

C.9.6 RUNNING RIGGING

Old:

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

Localised repairs to damaged equipment may be undertaken. Any repair shall not be used to reinforce an existing part or add a function.

(a) MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (i) Trapeze lines shall include a minimum of 3050mm of stainless steel wire.
- (ii) Sheets and lines may be replaced without any restrictions as to length, diameter and taper providing the part is not made of wire.
- (iii) A continuous main sheet and jib sheet is permitted.
- (iv) A fairlead/eye for the end of the mainsheet may be attached to the floor plinth.
- (v) Mainsail halyard and jib halyard may be replaced by lines of any material.
- (vi) Gennaker halyard may be lead externally. If lead externally, no additional fittings shall be used.
- (vii) A block may be added in the gennaker halyard between the sail and the mast spar, with a sheave of not more than 20 mm diameter. This block may be attached to a shock cord lead through a shackle, existing fitting or loop of rope on the mast and then attached to the mast spar.
- (viii) Shockcord tails may be added to ropes.
- (ix) A clip or shackle may be fitted at the end of the jib sheet attachment line where it attaches to the clewboard of the jib.
- (x) The trapeze arrangement may be modified to include a continuous system and/or adjustable hook height provided that the attachment methods to the mast spar are not changed. Handles of any configuration are optional.
- (xi) The trapeze elastic retaining system may be led directed in any way using thimbles, clip rings, balls or similar. See C.6.1(n).
- (xii) Calibration marks may be added alongside the kicker and downhaul control lines.
- (xiii) A clip or shackle may be added to the mainsail and jib halyards where they attach to the sails.

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- (xiv) A clip or shackle may be added to the boom vang attachment to connect to the control line block.
- (xv) The jib sheet system may be configured up to a maximum 4;1 purchase.

Amend to add:

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

(a) MODIFICATIONS

- (i) Trapeze lines shall include a minimum of 3050mm of stainless-steel wire.
- (ii) Sheets and lines may be replaced without any restrictions as to length, diameter and taper providing the part is not made of wire.
- (iii) A continuous main sheet and jib sheet is permitted.
- (iv) A fairlead/eye for the end of the mainsheet may be attached to the floor plinth.
- (v) Gennaker halyard may be lead externally. If lead externally, no additional fittings shall be used.
- (vi) A block may be added in the gennaker halyard between the sail and the mast spar, with a sheave of not more than 20 mm diameter. This block may be attached to a shock cord lead through a shackle, existing fitting or loop of rope on the mast and then attached to the mast spar.
- (vii) Shockcord tails may be added to ropes.
- (viii) A clip or shackle may be fitted at the end of the jib sheet attachment line where it attaches to the clewboard of the jib.
- (ix) The trapeze arrangement may be modified to include a continuous system and/or adjustable hook height provided that the attachment methods to the mast spar are not changed. Handles of any configuration are optional.
- (x) The trapeze elastic retaining system may be led directed in any way using thimbles, clip rings, balls or similar. See C.6.1(n). Review
- (xi) Calibration marks may be added alongside the kicker and downhaul control lines.
- (xii) A clip or shackle may be added to the mainsail and jib halyards where they attach to the sails.
- (xiii) A clip or shackle may be added to the boom vang attachment to connect to the control line block.
- (xiv) The jib sheet system may be configured up to a maximum 4:1 purchase.
- (xv) Mainsail halyard and jib halyard and gennaker halyard may be replaced by lines of any material.

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Amendment Fourteen

Old:

C.10 SAILS

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier.

Localised repairs to damaged equipment may be undertaken. Any repair shall not be used to reinforce an existing part or add a function.

C.10.1 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) Sails shall not be recut, except as permitted in C.10.4(a), or otherwise change or affect any aspect of the sail or pierce the sail for any reason other than effecting necessary repairs or as permitted by these rules.
- (b) The length of the battens may be altered to adjust the tension in the batten pocket, provided the batten fits within the original pocket and the sail is not altered other than by cutting and renewing the batten pocket stitching at either end.
- (c) The sail battens identified by a unique identification graphic and as supplied by a licensed manufacturer and shall not be altered in stiffness.
- (d) Tell Tales may be added to the sails.
- (e) Chaffing patches may be added to mainsail.

Amend to add:

The following is permitted without the approval of the ICA TC. Unless stated otherwise items mentioned in this section may be obtained from any manufacturer or supplier

C.10.1 MODIFICATIONS

- (a) The length of the **battens** may be altered to adjust the tension in the batten pocket, provided the **batten** fits within the original pocket and the **sail** is not altered other than by cutting and renewing the **batten** pocket stitching at either end.
- (b) The **sail battens** identified by a unique identification graphic and as supplied by a licensed manufacturer and shall not be altered in stiffness.
- (c) Tell Tales may be added to the sails.
- (d) Chaffing patches may be added to mainsail.

C.10.2 MAINTENANCE

Maintenance may be undertaken.

C.10.3 REPAIR

- (a) **Sails** shall not be modified, except as permitted in C.10.1, or otherwise change or affect any aspect of the **sail** or pierce the **sail**

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for any reason other than effecting necessary repairs or as permitted by these rules.

Amendment Fifteen

C.10.4 LIMITATIONS

Old:

- (a) Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 jib and 1 gennaker shall be used during an event except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Any replacement shall only be made with the approval of the RC.

Amend to read

- (a) Not more than 1 **mainsail**, 1 jib and 1 gennaker shall be used during an event except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond **repair**. Any replacement shall only be made with the approval of the Technical Committee or in its absence the Race Committee.

Amendment Sixteen

C.10.5 MAINSAIL

Old:

- (a)(ii) National letters shall be placed in front of or above the sail numbers for which both shall comply with the specifications in the RRS Appendix G1.2 for boats under 3.5 meters.

Amend to read

- (a)(ii) National letters shall be placed in front of or above the sail numbers complying with the specifications in the RRS Appendix G1.2 for boats under 3.5 meters. The height of national letters and sail numbers must be between 230 mm and 240 mm, and the minimum thickness shall be 45 mm.