

Attachment B: Rules for Handling the Boats

B1 General

Variations in the boats despite all measures for equalization will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

The technical committee can check the boats for any changes that are in breach of instructions B2 or B6 on a random basis. If they find such change, they will inform the protest committee. The protest committee may penalise the boat with one additional point without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

B2 Prohibited actions

In order to prevent damages and injuries:

B2.1 The following actions are prohibited unless in case of emergency or directed by the race committee or umpires:

- (a) Sailing in a manner that could cause serious damage or injury.
- (b) Tying in, binding or dropping the jib.
- (c) Any additions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- (d) Use of equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- (e) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used as intended.
- (f) Replacement of any equipment. Exception: damage. In this case, the replacement may be carried out only by the repair service.
- (g) Marking of sails, boat or arranged equipment, perforation of sails or attachment of further tell-tails to the sails.

B3 Handing over / leaving boats

B3.1 A boat may only be handed over to the following team in the presence of a race committee member, or afloat or at the changing area, as prearranged.

B3.2 Before handing over a boat to the next crew, the original condition shall be restored by the crew.

B3.3 Before handing over a boat to the next crew, the crew sailing the boat shall report any damage or problem with the boat.

B4 Crew positioning

B4.1 The crew shall not hang, push or pull on the standing rigging to promote the manoeuvre or to bring weight outboards. It is allowed to use the mast or the companionway for promoting the manoeuvre.

B4.2 The cockpit lines may be used with the exception that hanging on to the cockpit lines from the outside is prohibited.

B4.3 The crew shall not stand, sit or lie on the cockpit lines, except on the pushpit as long as no leg is outboards.

B5 Bowsprit

B5.1 The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times except when the gennaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, and shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval.

B5.2. At mark 1 the bowsprit shall not be set before the bow passes mark 1 to windward to round the mark.

B6 Shrouds and forestay

It is prohibited to adjust shroud and forestay tension at all times while afloat. Backstay tension may be adjusted while racing.

B7 Gennaker

When flag W is displayed on the race committee signal vessel, gennakers shall not be used while racing.

B8 Pumping

RRS 42.3(c) is changed to:

A boat's crew may pump the mainsail and gennaker using the sails' sheets.