



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.18

This public interpretation is given in accordance with rule 1.3 of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2

Question:

Rule 2.14.8, Permitted Materials for Ballast Keel canting mechanisms and systems, states *“Only steel and steel alloys are permitted in the canting mechanisms and systems, including trunions and clevises. This does not apply to bearings, manifolds, seals, pipes, pumps, reservoirs, hoses and non-structural linings, which may be of any material except titanium, magnesium or cobalt alloys. Electrical components may be made of any material.”*

1. Are the housings installed into the yacht's structure, which support and restrain the trunions, and trunion bearings, considered part of the canting mechanism and systems? Are they required to be constructed of steel and steel alloys only?
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, for the purpose of establishing which permitted material rules apply, at what point is the canting mechanism and system considered to end, and the yacht's structure begin?

Interpretation:

1. Rule 2.14.8 specifically includes trunions and clevises. It is considered that any housings or assemblies that are rigidly attached to the yacht's structure, and which support and / or restrain the trunions, or trunion bearings, are not part of the canting mechanism, and as such are limited by rule 2.12 rather than rule 2.14.8.
2. See answer 1 above.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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