



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.20

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

Question:

1. Would a spinnaker packing or retrieval system that passed through the openings between two or more watertight compartments be allowed?

Interpretation:

Rule 2.13.2 states “.....*Each opening shall be capable of being closed within 5 seconds and rendered watertight within 60 seconds.....*”

1. No, unless it can be demonstrated that the requirements of 2.13.2 can be satisfied with the spinnaker packing or retrieval system in use. The requirements of rule 2.13.2 shall be met at all times.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Dadd".

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