



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.25

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

Question:

Rule 2.14: Appendages

1. Are we correct in assuming that the movement due to a self-aligning bearing does not represent an appendage movement on its own and that as such, appendages can still move under their specified restrictions, for example under 2.14.1(a)?

Interpretation:

1. Yes, provided the self aligning bearings are not specifically arranged so as to introduce a second or variable axis of rotation. Any movement of a self aligning bearing must be consistent with correcting for either structural and/or build tolerances or deflection of the hull and/or rudder.

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Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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James Dadd, Chief Measurer
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