



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.28

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

Question:

Rule 1.2.2 states *"the words 'shall' and 'must' are mandatory"*.

Rule 2.14.2(b) states *"two daggerboards shall be installed"*.

Rule 2.14.1(b) states *"no more than two rudders shall be installed"*.

Public Interpretation 27 states *"...The rule does not permit less than two daggerboards, nor does it permit more than two daggerboards. Therefore, two daggerboards shall be installed"*.

1. While rule 2.14.1(b) limits the maximum number of rudders to two, rule 2.14.2(b) does not limit the maximum number of daggerboards, it only determines the minimum. Public Interpretation No.27 is then modifying what is stated in rule 2.14.2(b). Interpretations cannot change the rules; rule amendments are required for that purpose. Public Interpretation No.27 cannot, therefore, be valid and its content needs to be managed with a Rule Amendment. Is the RMG going to limit the maximum number of daggerboards to two by issuing a Rule Amendment or is the VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE Version 2 still applicable and as a consequence, two daggerboards are required and more than two daggerboards are permitted?

Interpretation:

1. Rule 2.14.2(b) does not specify the minimum number of daggerboards. Rather, it specifies an absolute requirement for two daggerboards. No amendment to the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2 is required.

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Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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