



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.70

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

Question:

Rule 7.9, Sail Inventory, states:

This rule may be amended by the Notice of Race.

7.9.1 *A maximum of 24 sails, excluding Storm Trysails and Storm Jibs and including not more than 3 mainsails, may be declared for use during the Event.*

7.9.2 (a) *The following sails shall be on board whilst racing:
1 Storm Trysail, 1 Storm Jib and 1 HWJ.*

(b) *The following additional sails may be on board whilst racing:
1 Mainsail, up to 4 Headsails (including additional HWJs and up to 2 Reaching Headsails), up to 5 Spinnakers (including up to 3 Masthead Spinnakers), 1 additional Storm Jib.*

7.9.3 *Alterations to declared sails*

Any sail which has been declared for use may be repaired or modified without being considered as a new sail provided no more than the allowable percentage of the original actual surface area of the sail, when first declared, is replaced with new material. Approval shall be sought from the RMG prior to carrying out any sail repairs or alterations.

1. Once a sail had been declared for use on one boat, is it permitted to declare it for use on another boat?
2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, would it be possible for the first boat to use the same sail at a later stage without declaring it as a new sail?

Interpretation:

1. Yes. However, that sail shall remain a declared sail for the first boat as well.
2. Yes. However, that sail shall remain a declared sail for the second boat as well.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Dadd", written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

James Dadd, Chief Measurer
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