

VOLVO OCEAN RACE

ROUND THE WORLD 2008 - 2009

Race Committee Q&A 08

Q1. In relation to:

3.12 COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING (Amends RRS 41)

- (a) Except for 3.13 (d) below, data communication is only permitted via the satellite communications terminals provided by the Organising Authority (see Appendix 1). Data Communication through the Large and Small Voice and Data Antennae or Sat C is only permitted via race headquarters (see Volvo Open 70 Rule 2.2.10 (a) and Notice of Race Appendix 1).

What is intended by the word via?

A1. The intention is that all data shall either be:

From the Boat;

1. sent to the duty officer as the recipient
2. sent to the duty officer to forward to another address
3. sent to another address and copied to the duty officer.

Or to the Boat;

1. sent to the duty officer to forward to the Boat
2. sent to the Boat and copied to the duty officer.

Q2. In relation to:

29. DAILY STATUS REPORT

A daily report from each *Boat*, describing the damage status of the *Boat* and crew, shall be communicated to Race Headquarters between 2200 and 0000 (UTC).

1. Is there a requirement to send a report if there has been no damage that day?
2. In the case of damage is the nature damage made public?
3. In the case of injury or sickness is the information made public?
4. Will the fleet be advised of any damage or injury/illness?

A2.

1. Yes; a simple statement such as “all well” is sufficient
2. Yes; however, the Boat may ask that the information remain private for up to 24 hours. The decision on the length of time will be agreed with the Race Committee.
3. Only with the permission of the Crew Member who is injured or ill.
4. Yes; should the damage, illness or injury be mentioned in the daily VOR press releases and web reports.

Note: The status report is an essential part of the Volvo Ocean Race safety policy; the information sent enables us to monitor the “health” of the fleet and aids the preparedness in case the need for outside help is required.

Q3. In relation to:

Person In Charge Agreement 3.7.6

While Racing, I agree to ensure that a written report of the Yacht's current situation in the Race comprising a minimum of one hundred (100) words per day is written by me or such Crew Member(s) as I may appoint and submitted to VEMUK in accordance with instructions or guidelines issued by VEMUK.

Would it be acceptable for the written report to be the contents of a Crew Members personal blog?

A3. Yes, provided the Crew Member has the approval of VEMUK to operate the blog.

Q4. In relation to:

Person In Charge agreement 3.7.7 and Crew Member Agreement 3.3.3

I shall not, and shall procure that none of my agents, sub-contractors, or employees shall establish an internet website relating to the Race or my participation in the Race without the prior written approval of VEMUK.

Is there a standard requirement in the letter of approval?

A4.

Yes; that the contents be copied to the duty officer, the inclusion of a link to the Volvo Ocean Race website www.volvoceanrace.org and the Volvo Ocean Race logo.

Q5. In relation to:

Person In Charge Agreement 3.7.9

I shall ensure that no Crew Member acts exclusively for any media outlet, company or broadcaster unless agreed by VEMUK before hand in writing.
And;

Crew Member Agreement 3.3.6

I agree that I will not act exclusively for any media outlet, company or broadcaster.

Is a personal blog “a media outlet”?

A5. Yes; the Crew Member must ensure that the Person In Charge has obtained the necessary agreement with VEMUK and the contents shall be copied to the duty officer, the inclusion of a link to the Volvo Ocean Race website www.volvoceanrace.org and the Volvo Ocean Race logo.

END.

Jack Lloyd

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16th December 2008