

VOLVO OCEAN RACE



ROUND THE WORLD 2008 – 2009

RACE COMMITTEE Q + A 02

Question:

NOR A2.2 (b) states that:

All heavy items including but not limited to internal ballast and fittings (such as batteries, stoves, gas bottles, tanks, engines, outboard motors, sewing machines, etc.) and anchors, chain and rode shall be securely fastened so as to remain in position should the Boat be fully inverted 180 degrees.

NOR 3.7 (a) states that:

sails, non-sealed equipment and stores may be shifted to any position inside the hull.

Given that some of the items listed in NOR A2.2 (b) are allowed to be moved while racing (e.g. sewing machine), is it permissible to have those items temporarily not securely fastened while they are being moved but then once in its new position to be securely fastened again?

Answer:

Yes.

Notice of Race 3.9 (a) states

Prior to a *Leg* start, items not to be moved while racing, such as life rafts, anchors, chain and warp, propeller shafts, retractable or “kick-up” rudders, emergency water, and emergency rudder, or not to be opened, such as swimmer of the watch bag, emergency fuel tank, and Emergency Equipment Locker, (Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2 Section 8.7), will be sealed. See also NOR 5.4(c) (vi)

Heavy items that are not sealed (e.g. a sewing machine) may be moved to any position inside the hull provided they are securely fastened immediately after each move.

ENDS

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