

VOLVO OCEAN RACE



ROUND THE WORLD 2008 – 2009

RACE COMMITTEE Q + A 03

Question:

NOR 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)

Question:

The items listed in section 3.9(a) above are the same as listed in the VOR 2005-2006 NOR 2.7(a). NOR 5.4(c) (vi) above adds appendages to the list of sealed items. In the last race this list was used exclusively. It was added to during the race only when the requirement to carry spare hydraulic oil was introduced during the race. Can the organising authority confirm that the above list is definitive for the VOR 2008-2009? It is accepted that if, during the race or build-up period, additional items are specified to be carried on board that are not currently required by the rules or NOR that these additional items could be subject to sealing.

Answer:

No, the list is not definitive. Items already on board or items that may be required to be on board in the future may be added to the list of sealed items at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

If a competitor is concerned about a specific item they may ask the Race Committee's opinion on whether it will be a sealed item.

ENDS

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