



2025 RYA National Match Racing Championship Grand Final

17-19th October 2025

Notice to Competitors

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From	To
Organising Authority	All Competitors

Amend the Sailing Instructions as follows: (replace Addendum C with the following)

ADDENDUM C – RULES FOR HANDLING BOATS

1. GENERAL [NP]

- 1.1. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize, variations in the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 61.4(b)
- 1.2. Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.

2. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- (a) The use of electronic instruments other than watches;
- (b) Moving the mast blocks;
- (c) The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) or the boom, to facilitate tacking or gybing by aiding the projection of a crew member outboard;
- (d) Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the jib;
- (e) Sitting with leg(s) outboard of the boat;
- (f) The use of halyards, non-working sheets and spinnaker twinning lines for hiking;
- (g) Omitting any headsail car or turning block;
- (h) Sailing in an area designated as an exclusion zone;
- (i) Having the head of the spinnaker above the main boom gooseneck when tacking;
- (j) Using tape to mark halyards;
- (k) Changing the number of purchases in either the main or jib sheet;
- (l) The addition of any tape or other material to the spinnaker or jib halyard other than where it attaches to the sail;
- (m) Hoisting or lowering the spinnaker from anywhere other than a cockpit locker;
- (n) The use of the spinnaker pole stowage loop on the boom for controlling the position of the boom;
- (o) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- (p) Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied. In particular, the cutting or shortening of any sheets, control lines or other running rigging;
- (q) The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC;
- (r) Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict would cause significant damage;
- (s) Taking a boat without permission from its berth or mooring without having paid the required Damage Deposit or having permission from the RC, or while AP is displayed ashore;
- (t) Leaving any equipment, including lines and fender(s) behind when leaving a berth or mooring
- (u) Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink;
- (v) Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales;
- (w) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted;
- (x) Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay when fitted;
- (y) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used;
- (z) Hauling-out or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.

2.1 A breach of SI C 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(h), 2(i), 2(m) or 2(n) is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by Umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.



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3. **PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS** - The following are permitted:
- 3.1. Taking on board the following equipment:
 - 3.1.1. basic hand tools; electrical tape; line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less); tell-tale material; watches and timers; shackles and clevis pins; velcro tape.
 - 3.2. Using the items in 3.1 to:
 - 3.2.1. prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets; attach tell tales; prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard; mark control settings; make minor repairs and permitted adjustments.
 - 3.3. Using only active sheets, mainsheet traveler and backstay lines for the purpose of hiking normally. This changes RRS 49.1.
4. **MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS** - The following are mandatory:
- 4.1. At the end of each sailing day:
 - 4.1.1. rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
 - 4.1.2. leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day, including removing all trash.
 - 4.1.3. complying with the directions posted on the boats or given by the OA.
 - 4.2. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

Name

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Signature