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Interpretation on the Radio A class Rules 1994, A-2011-2

Request received from Chairman, MYA Technical, UK

'Where a boat uses both double and single luffed mainsails should there be one mainboom limitation mark for the dimension 'B' or two.'

Documents affecting

Class Rules (CR) 1994

Discussion

The current CR 5.5.3 requires that the measurement band on the mainboom (referring to the 'B' dimension) shall be placed with its forward edge at the measurement point. CR 6.2.5 clarifies that the use of double luffed mainsails is not prohibited. CR 6.7.1 makes it clear that for conventional single luffed mainsails, the 'B' measurement shall be taken from the aft side of the mast, while for double luffed mainsails, 'B' shall be measured from the forward side of the mast. Since the rules do not prevent owners from sailing with a mix of single and double luffed mainsails, both 'B' dimension measurement bands shall be present on the boom

Conclusion

Since there is nothing in the Class Rules that prevents the use of a mixture of mainsail luff types in various mainsails used in an event, or that restricts the future choices of the owner to change from one luff type to the other, both B dimensions, measured respectively from the fore side and the aft side of the mast, shall be marked on the mainboom and clearly and unambiguously identified, using the letter 'S' for the single luff limitation mark and 'D' for double luff limitation mark.

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