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ABBREVIATIONS

EC Executive Committee of IRSA
ISAF International Sailing Federation
IRSA International Radio Sailing Association
CR Class Rules
ERS Equipment Rules of Sailing
RRS Racing Rules of Sailing

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases have these definitions in this interpretation.

bold, *italics* A **term** in bold is defined in the ERS, whereas a *term* in italics is defined in the RRS.

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shall/may In this document, the word "shall" specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word "may" is permissive.

will In this document, the word "will" specifies an intention.

Request received

What is the proper way to measure the measurement "B" on the International "A" Class boat having in mind Class Rule 6.7.1 and Diagram 5?

Relevant rules

International "A" Class Rule 6.7.1 and Diagram 5.

Discussion

The extension line of the dimension "B", parallel to the mast and through the forward edge of the main boom measurement band, is omitted in error on the Diagram 5.

Conclusion

Dimension "B", the Luff Perpendicular, is defined in Class Rule 6.7.1 as the measurement from the forward edge of the main boom measurement band to the nearest point on the aft side of the mast above the lower mast measurement band, except when the mainsail has a double luff. When the mainsail has a double luff, the Luff Perpendicular is also measured from the forward edge of the main boom measurement band.

Notes

Quote from IRSA Regulations 2003

6.2.5 Interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of Regulation 6.4.

Comment

The 2016 Class Rules require sails to comply with the rules in force at the time of their initial certification or the current class rules. To know what the previous class rules required it is necessary to know what was the effect of interpretations issued during that time. For that reason, even though the original lifetime of the interpretation has expired, this interpretation remains effective.

The 2016 Class Rules limit the mainsail foot length to the dimension B recorded on the certificate for the boat and there is no requirement for a limit mark on the boom. In this way it is the sail size rather than the way that the sail is rigged that determines the dimension B.

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