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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

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

Relevant rules

Class Rules (CR) 1994

CR 5.5.3, 6.2.5 & 6.7.1

Discussion

The CR 5.5.3 requires that “the” measurement band on the main boom 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 the ‘B’ measurement shall be taken from the forward edge of the main boom measurement band to the aft side of the mast, except for double luffed mainsails. Where a mainsail has a double luff ‘B’ shall be measured to the forward side of the mast.

Conclusion

Since the rules do not prevent owners from sailing with a mix of single and double luffed mainsails it follows that both ‘B’ dimension measurement bands shall be present on the boom where both types are used.

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Interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of Regulation 6.4.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 the spars and their fittings, and sails, to comply with the rules in force at the time of their initial certification or with 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.

See IRSA Interpretation 2015-A-3.2

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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