



Race Committee Clarification - Note 1

QUESTION

I would like to get a clarification regarding usage of a so-called whisker pole. Just before the start of the Sydney Hobart 2018 race the IJ issued 2 Jury Notices. In the 2nd notice they mentioned that World Sailing is looking into this issue.

The argument is that a whisker pole, according to the wording, has to be attached to the clew. In reality most boats are using it attached to the sheets.

RRS 50.3 Use of Outriggers

1. (c) A headsail may be sheeted or attached at its clew to a spinnaker pole or whisker pole, provided that a spinnaker is not set.

ERS definitions

As per F1.4 Spar Types - OTHER SPARS Other spar types include their rigging, but not running rigging. Other Spar Types:

1. (i) SPINNAKER POLE - A spar attached to the mast spar to set a spinnaker.
2. (ii) WHISKER POLE - A spar attached to the mast spar and a headsail clew.

Is there any verdict from World Sailing on this subject? If not how would the IJ rule it for this upcoming event?

Various competing yachts have jib reaching struts which are fixed to the mast and extend to the jib clew. Is it permitted to fly a spinnaker at the same time as a jib when such a reaching strut is being used?

ANSWER

There is currently no ruling from World Sailing with regards the discrepancies between RRS 50.3 and ERS F1.4.

It is the intention of the RC that for the purposes of the 2019 RORC Caribbean 600 that following clarification apply (in line with the Rolex Sydney Hobart 2018 JURY NOTICE NO 2);

- RRS 50.3 (c) permits the use of such a jib reaching strut, provided that a spinnaker is not set.