

THESE RULES ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT THE SUNSAIL MATCH FIRST 40 CLASS ONE DESIGN FLEET ARE AS SIMILAR AS POSSIBLE

**1. YACHTS GENERAL.**

- 1.1. The crews shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:-
- 1.2. Wind indicators, including yarn or thread may be tied or taped anywhere between the waterline and the top of the spinnaker pole track.
- 1.3. Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the waterline to prevent damage of sails and to prevent the fouling of sheets and lines. All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted except for the standing rigging may be adjusted.
- 1.4. Lines or elastic may be used anywhere between the waterline and the top of the spinnaker pole track to prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard.
- 1.5. Non permanent marking of control settings is allowed between the waterline and the top of the spinnaker pole track.
- 1.6. Guard rails are to remain tight and are not to be adjusted.

**2. EQUIPMENT.**

- 2.1. All equipment provided with the yacht shall be carried while afloat.
- 2.2. All equipment is to be stowed in accordance with the inventory list unless in use
- 2.3. No equipment shall be removed or repositioned before or during racing unless in use
- 2.4. Cockpit lockers are to be carried at all times.
- 2.5. Life rafts are to remain in the aft Lazarette.
- 2.6. The use of snatch blocks is prohibited.
- 2.7. Knots placed in the Genoa Car Control lines to prevent the cars hitting the Back Stops shall not be removed. Nor shall the position of the knot be adjusted by competitors without first consulting Sunsail Staff
- 2.8. The use of spare sheets, halyards or equipment for any purpose other than for what they have been supplied is not allowed, except for the spinnaker sheets and guys and preventer, which may be used for poling out, on the headsail or as use as a temporary sheet/guy or jib sheet. If the main halyard should break during racing the topping lift may be used as a temporary replacement until the end of that days racing.
- 2.9. No additional equipment shall be fitted or brought aboard.
- 2.10. The use of handheld GPS and portable navigation aids including laptops and tablets are allowed.
- 2.11. AIS must be on and transmitting.
- 2.12. When code flag Y is displayed, lifejackets must be worn as per RYA Prescriptions Rule 40

**3. ANCHORS.**

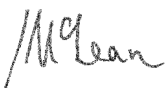
- 3.1. The main anchor, chain and warp provided on the yacht shall be carried at all times and should be stored in the forward anchor well.
- 3.2. The bow roller shall be retracted during racing and in raised position.
- 3.3. The secondary anchor (kedger), chain and warp provided on the yacht shall be carried at all times and should be stored in the aft Lazarette.
- 3.4. When kedging, during a race, either anchor can be used as long as main anchor is properly stowed afterwards and the bow roller retracted as soon as reasonably possible.

**4. SAILS.**

- 4.1. Only the sails on the inventory are to be used and only one of each may be carried.
- 4.2. One furling headsail is fitted on the boat. The halyard is tensioned by Sunsail to the mark provided and cannot be tensioned beyond this point.
- 4.3. The use of company logoed headsails is allowed providing that the headsail is made to the specifications provided by Sunsail. The Sunsail Match First 40 sail maker is Quantum. These must be fitted to the same tensions as above.
- 4.4. Only one spinnaker is to be carried at any time. The use of company logoed spinnakers is allowed providing that the spinnaker is made to the specifications provided by Sunsail. The Sunsail Match First 40 sail maker is Quantum. The forepeak hatch may not be used for spinnaker hoists, recoveries or drops.
- 4.3. The spinnaker pole may not extend outside of the hull from the preparatory signal until you have crossed the start line and are two boat lengths clear unless the first leg necessitates a pole.

**5. OTHER.**

- 5.1. In the event of any incident occurring to the boats howsoever caused, including any collision, grounding or injuries, the skipper shall, as soon as safely possible, hail the committee boat by VHF or by mobile phone.
- 5.2. The Class Rules may be changed whilst afloat and Flag Lima will be displayed on the committee boat and maybe broadcast via VHF. This changes RRS 87.



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