

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 taut 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 shall be stowed in accordance with the inventory list.
- 2.3. No equipment shall be removed or repositioned before or during racing unless in use
- 2.4. Cockpit lockers are to remain in place and carried at all times
- 2.5. Life rafts are to remain in the 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. No additional equipment shall be fitted or brought aboard.
- 2.9. The use of handheld GPS and portable navigation aids including laptops and tablets are allowed.
- 2.10. AIS must be on and transmitting.
- 2.11. 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 stowed in the forward anchor well.
- 3.2. The bow roller shall be retracted during racing and in raised position.
- 3.3. The secondary anchor (kedg), chain and warp provided on the yacht shall be carried at all times and shall be stored in the Lazarette.
- 3.4. When kedging, during a race, either anchor can be used as long as the 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 yacht.
- 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 Ullman.
- 4.4. Only one spinnaker is to be carried at any time and this must be a spinnaker supplied by SunSail to their specifications. The use of company logoed spinnakers is allowed providing that the spinnaker is made to the specifications provided by SunSail.
- 4.4. The forepeak hatch may not be used for spinnaker hoists, recoveries or drops.
- 4.5. The spinnaker pole may not extend outside of the hull from the preparatory signal until the yacht has crossed the start line and is two boat lengths clear unless the first leg necessitates a pole. A yacht that has broken rule 4.5, may take a scoring penalty by displaying a yellow flag after the incident. When a yacht has taken a scoring penalty, she shall keep the yellow flag displayed until finishing and call the race committee's attention to it at the finishing line. If this is impracticable, she shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity and within the time limits for protests. The scoring penalty will be 20% of the number of boats entered, however she will not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score

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.