



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

RULE AMENDMENT No.7

This amendment is given in accordance with rule 1.1 of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2

A) Rule Management Group (RMG)

Remove:

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Replace with:

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B) Rule 2.6 Transom

To ensure both liferafts are fully accessible from the transom.

Remove:

2.6 Transom

Provision shall be made for two life rafts, as provided by the Organising Authority for the event, to be mounted forwards of LLA, directly under the Aerial Frame (see rule 2.2.10(f)) in a manner that allows the rafts to be rapidly deployed over the transom from within the lifelines or from the water by a single crew member with the yacht at any angle of heel, including full inversion.

Replace with:

2.6 Transom

Provision shall be made for two life rafts, as provided by the Organising Authority for the event, to be mounted forwards of LLA, and aft of AFS, directly under the Aerial Frame (see rule 2.2.10(f)) in a manner that allows the rafts to be rapidly deployed over the transom from within the lifelines or from the water by a single crew member with the yacht at any angle of heel, including full inversion.

C) Rule 2.2.7(a) Lifelines

Due to administrative error in rule drafting:

Remove:

- (a) Pulpits and stanchions shall be made of 31.75mm or larger untapered 14 gauge stainless steel round tube. Any pulpit and stanchion fitting or component shall be no lighter than the equivalent fitting or component made of stainless steel and shall be of similar or greater load bearing characteristics. The outermost part of pulpit tubes and stanchion tubes shall be located between the edge of the deck and 150mm inboard. When there are sockets or studs, these shall be through-bolted and/or bonded. The pulpit(s) and/or stanchions shall be mechanically retained without the help of the lifelines, and shall not be hinged.

Replace with:

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D) Rule 2.2.10(a)(vii)

Due to modifications of supplied equipment:

Remove:

- 2.2.10(a)(vii)** Large Satellite Voice and Data antenna (925mm diameter, 1047mm high & 45kg weight).

Replace with:

- 2.2.10(a)(vii)** Large Satellite Voice and Data antenna (630mm diameter, 1054mm high & 20kg weight).

E) Rule 6.1.2(d)

Due to modifications of supplied equipment:

Remove:

- (d)** Organising Authority supplied cameras shall be installed, or corrector weights to that value in the locations given below:
- (i) Spreader Cameras.** One mounted on the underside of each lower spreader with a minimum of 200mm clearance from the mast wall (weight per camera: 1.25kg plus 0.60kg of cable).
 - (ii) Instrument bracket camera.** One roll compensated camera shall be mounted on the mast or instrument bracket between 400mm & 600mm above MD, with a clear uninterrupted view aft (weight: 1.25kg plus 0.40kg of cable).

Replace with:

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F) Rule 8.7.1

Remove:

One or two watertight lockers of solid construction, solely for the stowage of emergency equipment, shall be permanently installed between the Aft Bulkhead and the Main Bulkhead. This locker(s) shall be located such that it is accessible at all times and can be rapidly opened and sealed when closed using cable-tie type seals.

Replace with:

One or two watertight lockers of solid construction, solely for the stowage of emergency equipment, shall be permanently installed between the Aft Bulkhead and the Middle Bulkhead. This locker(s) shall be located such that it is accessible at all times and can be rapidly opened and sealed when closed using cable-tie type seals.

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Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group



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