



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

RULE AMENDMENT No.8

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

A) Rule 2.12 Permitted Materials for Hull, Deck (including spray Dodger). Internal Structure & Internal Fittings

Add:

2.12.8 Moulded plastics.

B) Rule 2.2.7 Lifelines, Stanchions & Pulpits

To ensure both liferafts are fully accessible from the transom.

Remove:

- (e) There shall be at least 2 lifelines. The upper lifeline shall be a minimum of 610mm above the edge of the deck. No vertical opening shall exceed 380mm and the intermediate lifeline shall be not less than 230mm above the edge of the deck. Where pulpit rails replace lifelines, the same vertical spacing requirements shall apply.

Replace with:

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Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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