



## RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

# THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

### RULE AMENDMENT No.9

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

#### **Rule 1.4 Class Certificate**

##### **Remove:**

- 1.4.4** When the RMG decides that a yacht does not comply with the Volvo 70 Rule, that yacht's certificate shall be made invalid. Any changes to the yacht which alter the certificate values shall invalidate that certificate with the exception of weight (W), which must remain within the rule limits (see Rule 4.2.2). It is noted that any change which affects sink by 1mm or greater in measurement afloat condition will invalidate the certificate. Specific attention is drawn to rules 3.3, 3.5 & 4.4.

##### **Replace with:**

- 1.4.4** When the RMG decides that a yacht does not comply with the Volvo 70 Rule, that yacht's certificate shall be made invalid. Any changes to the yacht which alter the certificate values shall invalidate that certificate with the exception of weight (W), which must remain within the rule limits (see Rule 4.2.2). It is noted that any change which affects sink by 1mm or greater in measurement afloat condition will invalidate the certificate. Specific attention is drawn to rules 3.3, 3.5 & 4.4. Exceptionally, exemptions from Rule compliance may be considered for existing Volvo Open 70 yachts with hull numbers of 7 and less in accordance with Rule 1.4.6.

##### **Add:**

- 1.4.6** Exemptions to the Volvo 70 Rule (Version 2) may be granted to existing Volvo Open 70 yachts with hull numbers of 7 and less. Such exemptions shall only be granted with full agreement from the Organising Authority for the Event. Any such exemptions shall only be granted where the alternative solution to full Rule compliance is deemed to demonstrate an equivalent level of safety to full Rule compliance and is consistent with the Fundamental Rule Policy. A request for each exemption shall be made using the form in Appendix D. The RMG may require additional information at the Chief Measurer's discretion.

##### **Add:**

**Appendix D** as attached.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Dadd".

James Dadd, Chief Measurer  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Appendix D**

**VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE – VERSION 2**



**Application for an exemption from  
Volvo Open 70 Rule – Version 2**

Yacht Name

Volvo 70 Hull Number

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Exemption sought for (Version 2 rule number)

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Equivalent Volvo Open 70 Rule 2003 (Version 1 rule number)

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Intended alternative and reasoning .....

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Signed

Date

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Full name

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On behalf of

Official use only	Chief Measurer's signature	Race Director's Signature	Date approved:
Application approved:			
Additional restrictions and/or controls ..... ..... ..... .....			

- Note:
1. Append all supporting documentation to this form.
  2. This application is not approved until the application is signed and dated by the Chief Measurer and Race Director.
  3. Exemptions that are granted will not automatically be applied to another yacht. Applications for further exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis.
  4. Exemptions are for the Volvo Ocean Race 2008-2009 only.