

RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

CONFIDENTIAL INTERPRETATION NO.22

This confidential interpretation is given in accordance with rule 1.3 of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2

Question:

1. Is it correct to assume that “the basic construction of the keel fin” as referred to in rule 2.14.4(g) is defined as the entire cross section of the keel fin excluding any closing plates and/or fairing plates?
2. If the answer is no, what exactly is “the basic construction of the keel fin”?

Interpretation:

Rule 2.14.4(g) states *“Only one keel fin is permitted. The basic construction of the keel fin shall include the lever arm for the attachment of the cant mechanism clevis arrangement, and shall be solid except in way of fin/hull, fin/bulb, fin/cant clevis and/or fairing attachment points and recesses. Any closing plates and/or fairing plates shall be rigidly fastened directly to either the hull or the keel fin and shall not be designed to flex or deform as the keel cants. Specifically, wings, end plates, boundary layer fences and hydroplanes are not permitted”*

OED definition of “Basic”: *Of, or pertaining to, or forming a base; fundamental, essential.*

OED definition of “Construction”: *A thing constructed; a material structure; a formation of the mind or genius.*

1. No. Rule 2.14.4(g) includes a list of permitted exceptions.
2. The basic construction of the keel fin is the steel or steel alloy structure which makes up the fundamental structural element of the keel fin.

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Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group



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