



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.22

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

Question:

Rule 2.10.2 lists the minimum panel weight for the hull bottom up to 300mm above DWL, aft of MFS, as 8.6kg/m².

Rule 2.1.4 (f) permits hollows caused by the propulsion system.

1. If there is a recess in the hull to house the retractable propulsion system, do the hull panel weight requirements (in rule 2.10.2) apply to the surfaces of this recess and additionally to any closing panel(s) that may be incorporated in the arrangement?

Interpretation:

1. Rule 2.10.2 refers to "hull bottom". In the context of a retractable propulsion system, this rule shall apply to the outer surface which is exposed (excluding any fairing compounds and/or paint) to the water flow. Therefore, if cover plate(s) are employed when the propulsion system is retracted, they shall be subject to the minimum panel weights, otherwise the surfaces of the recess shall be subject to the minimum panel weight requirements.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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

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