



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.29

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

Question:

Rule 2.14.2 (b) states *"two daggerboards shall be installed"*.

Rule 2.14.1 (b) states that *"no more than two rudders shall be installed"*.

Public Interpretation NO.27 states *"...The rule does not permit less than two daggerboards, nor does it permit more than two daggerboards. Therefore, two daggerboards shall be installed"*.

Public Interpretation NO.28 states *"Rule 2.14.2(b) does not specify the minimum number of daggerboards. Rather, it specifies an absolute requirement for two daggerboards. No amendment to the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2 is required."*

1. While rule 2.14.2(b) requires that two daggerboards be installed (minimum) it does not specify the maximum number. Public Interpretation No.27 then modifies what is stated in rule 2.14.2(b) by adding a maximum. Since modifications to the rule can only be done via Rule Amendments, since Public Interpretation No.28 states that two daggerboards are an absolute requirement (sufficient condition) and since no amendment to the Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2 is required, are we correct in assuming then that Public Interpretation No.28 confirms the invalidity of Public Interpretation No. 27?

Interpretation:

1. No. Rule 2.14 states *"The following appendages are permitted:"* Rule 2.14.2(b) then goes onto state that *"two daggerboards shall be installed"*. If less than two daggerboards are installed then rule 2.14.2(b) is not satisfied, and if more than two daggerboards are installed rule 2.14 is not satisfied.

It is recommended that in future such rules are not read in isolation, but in context.

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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