



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.34

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

Question:

Rule 6.1.1(c) states *“Other than local stiffening, the external mast dimensions below the top of IG (see rule 6.2.5) shall not be less than 300mm fore and aft by 150mm wide, or greater than 375mm fore and aft by 180mm wide.”*

1. Can you please define the practical meaning of *“local stiffening”* in the above rule?

Interpretation:

1. In practical terms, local stiffening is considered to be any reinforcement added to the exterior of the mast tube in the immediate vicinity of a fitting, or group of fittings. Such material shall be no larger than is necessary to relieve stress concentrations in a reasonable manner. Reinforcement that extends beyond the immediate vicinity of a fitting, or group of fittings, or reinforcement that extends along a considerable length of the mast tube may not be deemed to be local for the purpose of 6.1.1 (c). If a competitor is in doubt as to the size or configuration of local stiffening then they are encouraged to seek a specific interpretation.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Dadd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

James Dadd, Chief Measurer
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