



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.38

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

Question:

Rule 2.12, Permitted Materials for Hull, Deck (including Spray Dodger), Internal Structure & Internal Fittings, does not include titanium.

1. Rule 9.1.2 lists various part numbers for the components of the propulsion system, but the components of any pivot system in the retracting unit are not listed. Is it permitted to use titanium in these components of the propulsion system?
2. Are below deck components of deck equipment and fittings, such as the steering system, considered to be deck equipment or internal fittings for the purpose of permitted materials?

Interpretation:

1. Components of the propulsion system which are exposed to the water when the propeller is in its lowered position are not considered to be part of the internal structure or internal fittings of the yacht. As such rule 2.12 shall not apply. Therefore titanium is permitted in these components of the propulsion system.
2. Below deck components of deck equipment, such as the steering system, through deck fastenings, and other components which serve the sole purpose of allowing deck equipment to fulfil their function, are considered to be extensions of that equipment and therefore rule 2.8 shall apply to these parts.

END

Signed on behalf of the Volvo Open 70 Rule Management Group

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