



RULE MANAGEMENT GROUP

THE VOLVO OPEN 70 RULE

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION NO.67

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

Question:

Knowing that any amount of sail area (no matter how small) if there is a sheet attached (no matter how big or small the sheet is) will propel the boat forward (verified by CFD), how will the RMG handle the measuring and use of "flopper stoppers"?

1. Will "flopper stoppers" (small sails hoisted and set from the headstay/headfoil while racing) be measured as headsails?
2. Will these sails be counted as part of the leg and race inventory?
3. What is the maximum size for these sails?
4. What is the maximum number of these sails allowed to be carried in addition to normal headsail allowance?

Interpretation:

ERS (2005-2008) G.1.1 defines **sail** as:

An item of equipment attached to the **rig**, used to propel the **boat** including any of the following added parts when they are present:

sail reinforcements
batten pockets
windows
stiffening
tabling
attachments
other parts as permitted by **class rules**

1. Fittings hoisted from the headstay/headfoil while racing will not be measured as headsails provided the RMG is satisfied that the purpose of the fitting is not to propel the boat.
2. Not Applicable.
3. Not Applicable.
4. Not Applicable.

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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