

VOLVO OCEAN RACE



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RACE COMMITTEE Q + A 04

Question:

There exist some items that are allowed to be moved while racing which are not included in your list of items to be sealed. Can you please advise whether some or all of the following items will be sealed?

Galley sink as required by rule 8.4.2
Batteries as required by rule 9.6

Answer:

Galley sink:- The Volvo Open 70 Rule Version 2 states at Rule 8.1 that “Cabin space, required accommodation and equipment, and associated fittings shall be practical in use, fully operational, readily accessible, functional, designed to minimise the risk of physical injury and **shall be permanently fitted while racing**, as appropriate.”

Also rule 8.4.2 states “A minimum of one sink **shall be installed in the galley area**. This shall be fitted with a freshwater inlet and a saltwater inlet. Through-hull drainage from the sink shall be used and fitted with a non-return valve at the hull termination....”

An official interpretation of the Volvo Open 70 Rule can only come from the RMG but it is the belief of the Race Committee that an item that is permanently installed is not allowed to be moved whilst racing and therefore does not fall into the category of ‘items that are allowed to be moved while racing’ and so does not need a seal. However, if the Race Committee believes that an item that is not allowed to be moved has the ability to be moved it may seal it in place against such movement.

Batteries:- Yes

ENDS

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