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Interpretation 2003-IOM-1

INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS RULES 2002

Interpretation requested by the AMYA, USA, as follows:

Is it permitted to use headsail swivel made of a cord attached inside the watertight tube connecting bottom of the hull and deck and passing through the tube up to the deck level where it is attached to the headsail boom?

Relevant rules

International One Metre Class Rules 2002 – Rule C.7.6 (a)

Discussion

Rule C.7.6 (a) has requirements regarding the attachment point and alignment control of the swivel.

The deck is not a term defined in the Equipment Rule of Sailing. The ERS definition of the **hull** includes the deck among the other parts. It is not the purpose of rule C.7.6 (a) to control the deck shape which may be a complex shape in either fore and aft or transverse directions especially in unmanned radio controlled boats. Thus the swivel may be attached to a point on the surface of the deck which may be lower or higher than the surrounding deck surface. Such a deck arrangement in the region of the swivel attachment point may include a recess in the deck, inverse camber, a tube or other complex shapes.

The fact that cord may touch the tube and thus change the direction of the cord is not against the requirement that the alignment of the swivel shall be controlled only by the **rigging** tension. The geometry of the deck or the attachment point may affect the alignment but this does not mean “controlling” as stated in class rule C.7.6(a).

Decision

A headsail swivel attached at any height inside a tube which is connected to the deck approximately on the **hull** centreplane is in compliance with class rule C.7.6(a).

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