

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – STERN POLES**

**The OA has affixed stern poles to the boats being used in this regatta in an effort to minimize damage to the boats during this competition. The following Q & A’s refer to the use of these poles.**

**QUESTION 1: Are stern poles, as attached to a boat by the OA at the forward end, part of the boat’s “equipment in normal position” for the determination of overlaps or contact?**

*Answer 1:* *Yes. See Match Race Call L4(2) & A4; DEFs: Clear Astern/Clear Ahead/Overlap.*

*NOTE: Stern poles are not part of a boat’s hull for purposes of rule 31 as modified in the Sailing Instructions.*

**QUESTION 2: Is a stern pole that is not in the position it was placed by the OA but**

**is still attached to the boat to be used to determine contact?**

*Answer 2: Yes. However, see Cases 77 & 91.*

**QUESTION 3: Is a stern pole that is not in the position it was placed by the OA to**

**be used to determine overlaps?**

*Answer 3: Yes, but only if the stern pole is still attached at the forward end and it is hanging over the stern. In all other instances, No . See Match Race Call A4 & A5; DEFs: Clear Astern/Clear Ahead/Overlap; Cases 77 & 91.*

**QUESTION 4: Are flags, cord, line or string attached to either or both of the stern**

**poles that are affixed to a boat considered to be part of the boat’s equipment for the**

**determination of overlaps or contact?**

*Answer 4:* *No. See Match Race Call L4(3).*

**QUESTION 5: Is a stern pole that is being dragged behind the boat by a string, cord or line to be used to determine contact or overlaps?**

*Answer 5: No. It is not attached to the boat.*

**QUESTION 6: Does contact occur if there is a breach of the box that is formed by the stern poles as placed on a boat by the OA and a projection of the hull to the same points below the ends of the stern poles (see lower diagram)?**

*Answer 6: Yes.*

**QUESTION 7: If one of the two stern poles is not in normal position, does contact**

**occur if there is a breach of the box described in Question 6?**

*Answer 7: Yes. See Question 6, Match Race Call G3, and the Diagram & Photo of the box below.*

 Bow

Stern Scoop

Stern Pole

Stern Pole

Box



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