

PART III – OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES

3.01 Owner's Signature.

Before any certificate under this rule is valid it must be signed by the owner of the yacht. The name of the individual who signs the Certificate shall also be printed on the Certificate. By this signature the owner signifies that he or she understands the owner's responsibilities under all parts of the ORR Rule, a copy of which shall be aboard while racing.

Responsibility for Compliance - The owner shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with the ORR rules.

Owner's responsibilities are divided into three categories.

- Owner's responsibilities prior to and during measurement.
- Owner's responsibilities after measurement.
- Owner's responsibilities while racing.

3.02 Owner's Responsibilities: Measurement.

The owner is responsible for arranging measurement with US SAILING.

3.02.1 Measurement Ashore.

- a) He shall present the yacht for measurement ashore in an accessible location, clear of obstructions, properly chocked and leveled (see 5.01 for details).
- b) If the yacht is of a class for which sister ship hull measurements are available, hull measurement may not be required. The owner shall inform the measurer of any modifications that have been made so that the measurer may determine whether, and to what extent, the hull standard applies to the yacht. The owner shall make the yacht available ashore for the checking of any measurements that the measurer may require.
- c) If the yacht is of a class for which designer lines hull measurements have been validated, full hull measurement may not be required. The owner shall inform the measurer of any modifications that have been made so that the measurer may determine whether, and to what extent, the designer lines hull standard applies to the yacht. Certain minimum measurement verification is required. This includes measurement of the as-built freeboard to centerline of the canoe body plus any additional measurements as determined by US SAILING. The owner shall make the yacht available ashore for the checking of these measurements or any others that the measurer may require.

3.02.2 Measurement Afloat

- a) He shall on another occasion make the yacht available at a suitable location agreed with the measurer so that flotation measurements may be taken.
- b) He is responsible for preparing the yacht in measurement trim as specified in 502.2. He shall declare to the measurer the weight and location of all ballast, except that

contained in the external keel or centerboard, and all other items mentioned in 402.2(h). He shall, together with the measurer, complete and initial the Measurement Condition Check List & Inventory (See Appendix 2).

- c) If the yacht is fitted with a drop keel and/or a movable appendage which is to be locked for measurement and racing under 6.06.3, the owner shall be responsible for ensuring that a positive locking and locating device is fitted at the time of measurement. If the device is to be freed for cruising or at other times when the yacht is not racing the device must be of a form that will positively locate and retain the keel in one predetermined position.

3.02.3 Sail Areas The owner is responsible for declaring to the measurer all spars and sails that he proposes to carry on the yacht and the location in which he proposes to set them, so that they may be properly measured

3.02.4 Hull Construction and Spar Material The owner is responsible for declaring to the measurer the type of hull construction and material of which the hull and spars are built.

3.03 Owner's Responsibilities after Measurement.

3.03.1 It is the owner's responsibility to declare to the rating authority any changes made to the yacht, its rig, or its equipment which could change any of its measurements under the rule.

Such changes could be:

- a) Changes of ballast in amount or location or configuration.
- b) Change of tankage, fixed or portable, in size or location.
- c) Any changes in the engine and/or propeller installation.
- d) Addition, removal or change of location of gear or equipment, or structural alteration to the hull, that affect the trim or flotation of the yacht.
- e) Movement of any measurement bands used in sail area measurement, or any changes in spars, spar location or headstay position.
- f) The owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all sails other than storm sails have been measured by an official measurer and do not contravene the values stated or permitted for them on the Rating Certificate.
- g) Changes to the shape of the yacht's hull and/or appendages. Note that changes to the hull may cause the yacht to lose the benefits of age under the rules (See Appendix 6).
- h) Changes to spars or standing rigging configuration, including elements of rigging identified as adjustable while racing.
- i) Changes to the Elements of Pitch Gyradius (see 8.13) including hull, deck and appendage construction, spars, accommodation and rig configuration, etc.

3.03.2 One-Design Rating. Where a yacht has a One-Design Rating (see Part XI) it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the yacht is at all times maintained within the class rules. The class rules shall always be aboard the yacht. Should any changes be made to the yacht that are not permitted within the class rules the owner shall inform the Rating Authority and the ORR Certificate becomes invalid immediately.