2014-2015 Vanguard 15 Class Rule Changes

4.12 Compasses

Current Rule: One compass is permitted on the boat. –Digital compasses shall be permitted.

New Rule: One compass is permitted on the boat. –Digital compasses shall be permitted but may only display compass heading and time to start.

Purpose: With the influx of devices that can display distance to line, headers/lifts, and boatspeed; make it clear that information is prohibited but those devices may be used so long as that information is not displayed or is disabled.

4.4.2 Cunningham

Current Rule: No current rule on Jib Cunningham.

New Rule: An adjustable Jib Cunningham may be added and lead back to the cockpit. It may have any number of purchases but no blocks or other hardware may be added.

Purpose: Jib Cunninghams have been widely used throughout the class for at least the last decade. They are cheap, easy to rig, and can make older sails more competitive by adding this extra layer of adjustment. Commonly these are lead back to the starboard shroud base or the mast step.

4.8 Sheets and Lines

Current Rule: Not applicable

New Rule: Add at end of current rule- Tapered jib sheets are permitted.

Purpose: Current rule is unclear. People have been using tapered sheets for many years. They are relatively cheap and make it much easier for smaller crews to adjust.

4.9 Fittings and Shackles

Current Rule: Not applicable

New Rule: -The jib halyard block may be replaced with any type of single wheeled blocked and rigged with any number of purchases provided no additional hardware is used.

Purpose: Make jib halyard easier to adjust. Make it possible to substitute a becket block on the jib halyard so it can easily be rigged with more purchase.

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