



2025 CAPE 31 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

16 – 19 October 2025

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE NOTICE #1

Event Technical Committee

The Technical Committee in racing rule 92 is:

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Executive Committee Delegation

In accordance with class rule B.2.1(e), the Cape 31 Class Authority has delegated the Technical Committee the following responsibilities that would otherwise be discharged by the Class Authority.

| Rule | Description |
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| C.2.1(c) | Changing of crew during an event |
| C.2.3(f) | Ability to waive the category 1 requirement for a part owner or alternate helm. |
| C.2.3(g) | Approving a temporary alternate helm. |
| C.5.7(a) | Haul out restrictions |

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Serious Damage

Notice of Race 14.6 defines 'Serious Damage' as: damage that results in the boat not being capable of use in racing until corrective action required to restore the original condition and shape of the affected equipment has been effected which may include coating, sanding, fairing, polishing and bonding.

The below is a non-exhaustive list of common examples:

- Destruction of one or more stanchions making it impossible to 'hike' without jeopardising the safety of the crew.
- A hole which compromises the watertight integrity of the **hull**.
- Damage to the **mast, boom** or **bowsprit** making that item non-useable without compromising the safety of the **crew**.
- Damage to the **forestay, shrouds** or **backstays** which compromises the support of the **rig** necessary to race.
- Damage to the tiller making it non-usable.

Other forms of damage will be considered on a case-by-case basis and the above is for illustration only.

Attention is also drawn to the Class Rules' restrictions on making repairs where significant damage is to be repaired under supervision of the Class Executive Committee.

Enforcement Policy

This is a Championship event. Accordingly, the Technical Committee will seek to enforce the rules regarding use of equipment in the most effective way possible.

As has been the Technical Committee ethos, protesting a boat or support person will continue to be a last resort. In general, the Technical Committee will draw attention to, and remind all teams equally of rule requirements and where a boat or support person subsequently breaks a rule, the Technical Committee will protest.

The focus of the Technical Committee at this event will be to enforce requirements that can be influenced day to day. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Number of sails on board;
- Use of buttoned/ unbuttoned sails;
- Carriage of safety equipment;
- 'Tightness' of guard wires;
- Adjustment of standing rigging;
- Number of persons on board;
- Interaction with support boats on racing days; and
- Support boat proximity to race boats.

The Technical Committee **will protest without warning** for the following items (as these should be well known by all):

- Carriage of more sails than are permitted on a day;
- Transferring of equipment to or from a support boat on a race day;
- Being overweight during crew weighing;
- Being late to crew weighing;
- Being towed without permission;
- Hauling out without permission;
- Not having the requisite safety equipment on board;
- Changing the condition of something that was checked during the pre-event measurement day.
- Support boat proximity to race boats (if a Support boat is consistently closer to the race boats than an official boat such as the Jury, Technical Committee, Race Committee or Media).

Pre-event measurement day

During a boat's inspection time it **must** be presented in the following condition. If the boat is not in this condition, it **will** be rejected and sent to the back of the queue and inspected at the end of the day. This is essential to ensure all boats are inspected.

- Anchor and Chain on deck ready to be weighed;
- Buckets on deck;
- Safety knife in its designated location;
- Buoyancy Aids/ Lifejackets all on deck;
- Fire extinguishers in their designated locations;
- First aid kit on deck;
- VHF radio on deck;
- Saw/ bolt cutters/ other method of disconnecting the rig on deck;
- Lifebuoy in its designated place; and
- All sails that will be used for the regatta either on deck and/ or on the dock immediately next to the boat.

Alternate Helm Requests

| Boat | Request | Applicable Rule | Class | Status |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Pacific Yankee (#62) | To have Marcus Eagan (USAMM123) as an alternate helm | C.2.3(f) | | Approved |

Charter Agreement Requests

| Boat | Request | Applicable Rule | Class | Status |
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| Fanatic (#7) | To Charter to Guy Guillain (GBRGG46) | C.2.3(c)(iii) | | Approved |

Scale Location

As per Class Rule C.2.2(c), the scales to be used for crew weighing will be available during the pre-event measurement day, location will be announced on the event messaging system (telegram).

Andy Wibroe, Technical Committee