

# J/80 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE INTERPRETATIONS

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## **C.6.1 Sail Limitations Paragraph (e)**

***"The headsail shall remain hoisted throughout a class event and shall be rolled on the furler unit between race days of a series, except during an emergency or repair."***

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### **1) What constitutes an emergency or repair?**

*TC: An emergency while racing could include the loss of a spinnaker halyard, where the headsail halyard is needed to hoist someone up the mast. On sea or at shore, it could also include an oncoming squall or a severe weather condition which would place the sail at risk of loss or damage. Repair would include any repairs needed of the jib, furler, and/or headstay that require the jib to be lowered or removed.*

### **2) If the sail is removed for a repair should the boat in question request authorization to remove the sail from the boat?**

*TC: No. This is done on the honor system, as are most other equipment rules.*

### **3) In the event of a minor repair does the boat in question have the right to leave the headsail down until the start of the next race?**

*TC: No, the intent of the rule is to keep the jibs on the furler unless being repaired or in event of emergency. While on the water, a jib that is repaired between races should be rehoisted at the first opportunity after being repaired.*

### **4) Is routine maintenance allowed such as checking shackles, inspecting halyards, washing off salt water or spraying McLube on the jib track?**

*TC: Yes.*

### **5) Is it permissible to remove battens from the headsail at the end of a day of racing?**

*TC: No, unless a repair is being effected.*

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## **RULE C.4.3**

***"Engine: Minimum nominal power of 2 kilowatts (3hp) minimum***

**weight 12.5kg (empty of fuel)"**

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**6) What is the maximum allowable horsepower for the engine and the maximum allowable weight?**

*TC: There is currently no maximum engine HP or weight specified within the rules; however the engine is mandatory equipment and under C.4.1(a) "Mandatory equipment shall be functional for its intended use." This means the engine must be in working condition and be able to be safely mounted on the factory standard transom or outboard bracket. Based on a survey of the two licensed J/80 builders, the outboard brackets provided with the standard boat are not rated for engines exceeding 5HP or 25kgs (55 lbs), so while an owner may decide to carry a heavier engine, only 25kgs of the total will be counted towards the boat weight.*