

SB20 European Championship 2018
Questions to the Jury – 31 August 2018

Bowsprit and RRS 12

Class rule C9.8(a)(i) states “The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times other than when the spinnaker is set or in the act of being set or recovered.”

A bowsprit extended that does not comply with this class rule is not in its normal position. The bowsprit is not then a part of the boat for the purposes of establishing an overlap (see definition of overlap). If a clear ahead boat cannot manoeuvre due to the extended bowsprit, the boat clear astern will break rule 12 (on the same tack, not overlapped) and possibly rule 18 (Mark room).

Towing

SI 25.4 states “a yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or support persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except

For the purposes of the sailing instruction, the words “the finish of the last race of the day” shall mean “when the boat concerned has finished the last race of the day and cleared the course area”

RRS 41 Outside help – photography

Taking a photograph or video of a competing boat before or while she is racing and using that photograph or image to de-brief or coach that boat or another boat after racing has finished for the day is not outside assistance in the context of RRS 41.