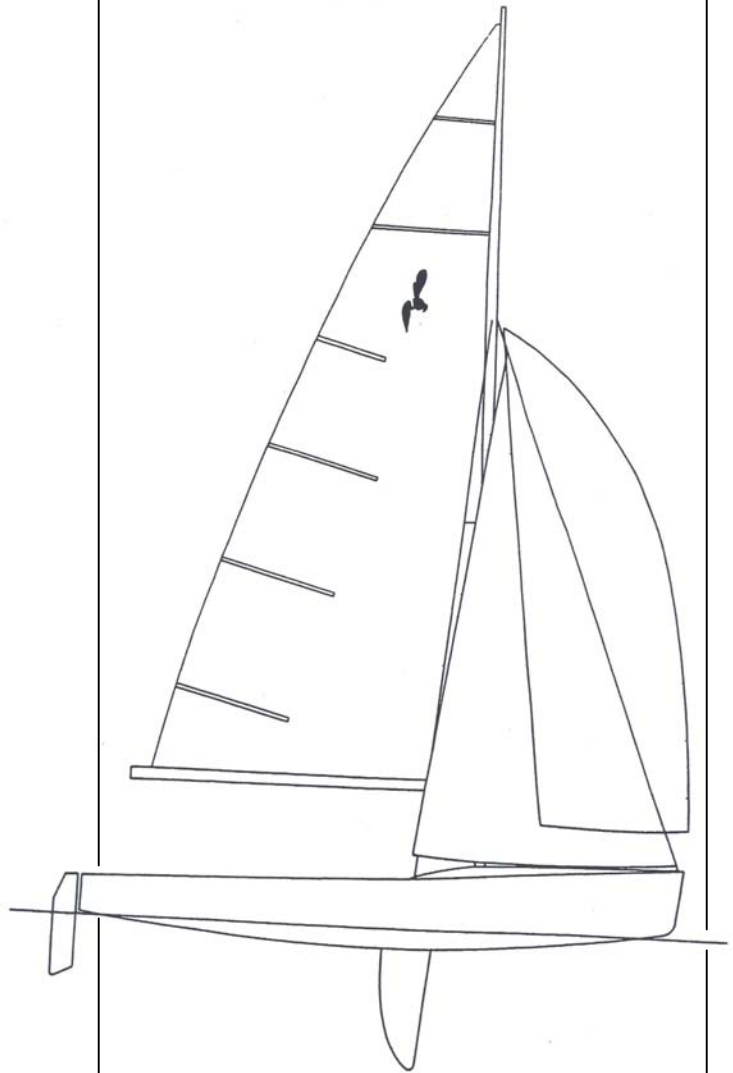


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CLASS RULES



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PART A - ADMINISTRATION

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The National Hornet is a "restricted" class. The intention of these rules is to ensure that in hull form, sailing weight, sail plan and mast weight, the boats are similar.
- 1.2 The measurement form is part of the rules.
- 1.3 In the event of a discrepancy within these rules or on matters of interpretation, a request shall be made to the RYA, which may consult the National Hornet Class Association. All boats shall be built in accordance with the class rules.
- 1.4 Neither the RYA nor the Hornet Association accept any legal responsibility, or any claims arising, in respect of these rules and/or plans.
- 1.5 The official language of the class is English and in the event of a dispute over interpretation the English text shall prevail.
- 1.6 A National Authority may permit advertising in accordance with current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2001- 2004.

2 BUILDERS AND BUILDING FEE

- 2.1 A Hornet may be built by any professional or amateur builder.
- 2.2 The building fee is **£172** plus VAT for UK registered boats payable by the builder on each boat built whether or not it is subsequently measured and registered. Payment shall be made to the RYA, which shall issue a building fee receipt and sail number. The building fee receipt shall be delivered to the owner by the builder on the sale of the boat.

NOTE: In countries where the RYA is not the National Authority, other arrangements to meet these stipulations may be agreed between the RYA, the Hornet Federation and/or the other National Authority.

3 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

First Certification

For boats not previously certified, the owner shall have the boat measured in accordance with these rules. Only an RYA Approved National Hornet Class Measurer shall undertake measurement. On completion of satisfactory

measurement, the Measurer shall supply the owner with a measurement form completed and signed in respect of Section C. The owner shall arrange for Section A and Section B of the measurement form to be completed and then apply to the RYA for a measurement certificate, enclosing the completed measurement form, the building fee receipt and certification fee of £20 (£15 for RYA Full Personal Members). Upon receipt of these the RYA may issue a measurement certificate to the owner.

Re-certification

Should the measurement certificate become invalid for any of the reasons detailed below, the owner shall apply to the RYA for a new measurement certificate, returning the old certificate together with a certification fee of £20 (£15 for RYA Full Personal Members). The owner shall also either advise the RYA of the changed details or complete the appropriate application form for re-registration attached to some measurement certificates.

Should the measurement certificate become invalid due to the reason detailed in (e) below, owners shall have the necessary items of the boat re-measured and act in accordance with the appropriate requirements of this rule.

Validity of Measurement Certificate

A measurement certificate is only valid provided:-

- (a) There is no change of ownership.
- (b) There is no change of boat name.
- (c) Provided the owner remains a member of either the RYA or an RYA affiliated club.
- (d) Provided no substantial alteration or repair to the hull is undertaken.
- (e) Provided that any alteration, replacement of or repair to the spars, sails, rudder or equipment of the boat comply with the current class rules.
- (f) Provided sail and buoyancy endorsements are current.
- (g) Provided the measurement certificate carries a current endorsement as to the owner's membership of the National Hornet Class Association.

Buoyancy

To obtain a buoyancy endorsement, owners shall have a buoyancy test inspection carried out by either an RYA Approved National Hornet Class Measurer, an RYA Official Measurer or a Measurer of an RYA Affiliated Club in accordance with Rule 8. On completion of satisfactory test/inspection, the Measurer shall sign and date the buoyancy endorsement attached to the Measurement Certificate. Subject to Rule 8 buoyancy endorsements shall remain valid only for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the last endorsement.

Check Measurements

All hulls, spars, sails and equipment shall be liable to re-measurement at the discretion of the RYA or a Race Committee at any time and it is the owner's responsibility to make sure that they comply with the appropriate class rules at all times. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the RYA has the right to refuse to grant or withdraw a measurement certificate and/or sail and buoyancy endorsement from any boat at any time. Owners are required to return their registration and measurement certificates to the RYA upon request or upon any dealing pertaining to the boat.

4 MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 Only a Measurer, recognised by the National Authority and approved by it to measure the National Hornet, shall measure a boat, its spars, sails, or equipment and sign the declaration on the measurement form that they comply with the class rules.
- 4.2 The Measurer shall report on the measurement form anything, which he considers to be a departure from the intended nature and design of the boat, or to be against the general interest of the class.
- 4.3 A Measurer shall not measure a boat, its spars, or sails, owned or built by himself, or in which he has any personal involvement.
- 4.4 New or substantially altered sails shall be measured by an approved Measurer who shall stamp or sign and date the sails near the tack.

PART B – MEASUREMENT RULES

5 IDENTIFICATION MARKS

- 5.1 The hull shall carry the sail number, either cut into or indelibly marked on the outside of the transom, in figures not less than 25mm high.
- 5.2.1 The mainsail and spinnaker shall carry identification marks as indicated in Rule 18.2.
- 5.2.2 All required emblems, numbers and letters shall be of a durable material securely attached to, or indelibly printed on, the sails.

6 CONSTRUCTION

- 6.1 Subject to Rule 19.5 the construction is optional. If plywood is included in the hull shell it shall be not less than 6mm in thickness.
- 6.2 The construction and position of the thwart(s), the height of the cockpit floor and deck layouts are optional, except where otherwise stated.
- 6.3 The rubbing strake shall not extend more than 50mm from the sheerline when measured in plan.
- 6.4 The round on the chines between the transom and section 4 shall be not more than 8mm, and between sections 4 and 5 shall be not more than 12mm, from the point at which the outer faces of the hull panels would meet if extended. This rule shall not apply forward of section 5.

7 HULL MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 As many measurements as considered practical to check the hull shape have been listed on the Measurement Form.
- 7.2.1 Length measurements of the hull shall be taken parallel to, and depth measurements at right angles to, the base line. Beam measurements shall be taken at the sheerline defined as the intersection of the lines of the top of the deck and the outside of the skin, projected if necessary. The measurement section “the aft edge of the transom” shall be taken as being at right angles to the base line and as being through the aft most part of the boat, excluding rudder fittings and any deck projection as defined in 7.2.2.
- 7.2.2 Hulls may have a projection of the deck of not more than 12mm beyond the aft edge of the transom and not extending more than 30mm below the deck surface. No fittings shall be attached to any such projection.

- 7.3 Measurement sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be 762mm, 1524mm, 2438mm, 3353mm and 4267mm from the aft edge of the transom respectively.
- 7.4 The base line shall be fixed at 162mm and 178mm below the keel, including keel band, at sections 1 and 5 respectively.
- 7.5 The length overall, including stem band, but excluding normal rudder fittings and stem fittings shall be not more than 4890mm, nor less than 4865mm.
- 7.6 The external planking of sections 1, 2, 3 and transom shall not deviate by more than 5mm from straight edge placed on the planking at right angles to the centreline.
- 7.7 The distance, from a point 270mm from the base line measured along the extension of the stem, as defined in Rule 7.8, to the nearest point of the keel, shall be not less than 30mm nor more than 50mm.
- 7.8 The extension of the straight edge of the foreside of the stem, including the stem band, shall meet the base line at 4757mm \pm 20mm from the aft face of the transom.
- 7.9 The extension of the line of the keel shall intersect the extension of the stem line as defined in Rule 7.8 270mm \pm 10mm from the base line measured along the stem line.
- 7.10 The position and length of the centreboard slot shall be as shown on the Measurement Form and the slot shall be not more than 40mm in width.
- 7.11 For the purpose of incorporating a spinnaker chute, the topside and/or gunwales forward of section 5 may extend outboard.
- 7.12 Subject to Rule 7.2, measured in plan, no part of the boat shall be more than 125mm from the point 80mm back from the forwardmost part of the hull on the centreline, forward of this point.

8 BUOYANCY

- 8.1 The boat shall be fitted with apparatus sufficient to float the boat, plus 200kg; approximately level when full of water for at least 30 minutes, with the weight evenly placed about the centreline within 200mm of Section 3.
- 8.2 If the buoyancy apparatus consists, wholly or in part, of built-in bulkheads the boat shall be measured with one buoyancy compartment flooded.
- 8.3 If the measurer is in any doubt about the adequacy of the buoyancy arrangements, he shall order an immersion test.

9 CENTREBOARD

- 9.1 The centreboard may be of any material, except those included in Rule 19.5 but shall be buoyant. The construction and shape is optional, but when housed no part of the centreboard shall extend above the sheerline or below the keel.
- 9.2 The centreboard shall have no moving parts.

10 RUDDER AND TILLER

- 10.1 The construction and design of the rudder, tiller and tiller extension are optional, except that the rudder and tiller shall not be made of materials included in Rule 19.5.
- 10.2 The rudder shall be fitted to the boat in such a manner that it shall not part company with the boat during a capsize.

11 MAST

- 11.1 The mast may be of any material, except those included in Rule 19.5 and 19.6.
- 11.2 The mast may have spreaders and/or cross trees.
- 11.3 Measurement bands, not less than 10mm wide, shall be marked on the mast so that they are clearly discernible whilst racing, as follows: -
- No 1 The upper edge of which shall be level with the sheerline.
- No 2 The upper edge of which shall be not less than 655mm and not more than 760mm above the upper edge of band No 1.
- No 3 The lower edge of which shall be not more than 4650mm above the upper edge of band No 1.
- No 4 The lower edge of which shall be not more than 6705mm above the upper edge of band No 1, nor more than 5945mm above the upper edge of the band No 2.
- 11.4 The weight of the mast, including all rigging and normal fixed fittings, shall be not less than 9.0kg. If trapeze is fitted, trapeze wires and their fittings (excluding trapeze harness) shall be secured along the mast and included in the weight and centre of gravity measurements.
- 11.5 The centre of gravity of the mast, in weighing condition with rigging secured along the mast, shall be not less than 2440mm above the upper edge of band No 1.
- 11.6 Rotating and permanently bent masts are prohibited, but a permanent set due to distortion of up to 50mm between band No 1 and band No 4 is permitted.
- 11.7 No part of the spinnaker boom fitting(s) attached to the mast shall project more than 50mm from the mast.
- 11.8 The bottom of the mast shall take the full weight of the mast and be below the sheerline. A tenon not more than 25mm deep is permitted.
- 11.9 The bottom of the mast, including tenon, shall be not less than 229mm below the deck or sheerline, whichever is higher.
- 11.10 The distance from the aft edge of the transom to the fore side of the mast slot, the fore side of which shall be rigid, or its extension at the sheerline shall be not less than 3263mm nor more than 3289mm.
- 11.11 The fore and aft position of the mast at the heel shall not be adjusted whilst racing.

12 BOOM

- 12.1 The boom may be of any material.
- 12.2 The boom complete with sail track, but excluding fittings, shall be able to pass through a 100mm diameter circle.
- 12.3 A measurement band, not less than 10mm wide shall be marked on the boom, so that it is clearly discernible whilst racing, with its inner edge not more than 2667mm from the aft side of the mast, measured with the boom at right angles to the mast.
- 12.4 Permanently bent booms are prohibited, but a permanent set due to distortion of up to 25mm between the boom measurement band and the fore end of the boom is permitted.
- 12.5 When racing the top of the fore end of the boom shall be not lower than the upper edge of band No. 2.

13 SPINNAKER BOOM

- 13.1 The material and diameter of the spinnaker boom are optional.
- 13.2 The overall length of the spinnaker boom, including fittings, shall be not more than 2500mm.

14 STANDING AND RUNNING RIGGING

- 14.1 Two main shrouds shall be fitted. Not more than one forestay and not more than two lower shrouds may be fitted. The forestay and shrouds attached to the mast above the upper edge of measurement band number one shall comprise standing rigging and are subject to Rule 15.2.

Shrouds attached to the mast below the upper edge of the measurement band number 2 are subject to Rule 15.3.
- 14.2 The lines of the shrouds, below the spreaders if fitted, and extended if necessary, at their intersection with the level of the sheerline shall be not more than 2758mm nor less than 2732mm from the aft face of the transom. The shrouds shall be attached by means of shroud plates fixed to the topsides, gunwales or pads thereon.
- 14.3 The extension of the line of the forestay and headsail luff shall meet the mast below the lower edge of band No 3.
- 14.4 The extension of the top of the spinnaker halyard when held taut at right angles to the mast, shall meet the foreside of the mast below the lower edge of band No 3 or at any point not exceeding 105mm above that point. If led through an eye or block no part of such eye or block shall be more than 100mm from the foreside of the mast.
- 14.5 The extension of the headsail luff shall intersect the sheerline not less than 4714mm from the aft edge of the transom on the centreline of the boat.

- 14.6 The type of material of the running rigging are optional except as prohibited by Rule 19.5.

15 FITTINGS

- 15.1 No part of the headsail and spinnaker fairleads shall project beyond the outside edge of the rubbing strake when viewed in plan.
- 15.2 Other fittings are optional except that special levers or other devices to alter the effective length of the standing rigging whilst racing are prohibited.
- 15.3 The effective length of not more than one strut or similar device and/or one pair of lower shrouds, attached to or bearing on the mast may be adjusted whilst racing.

16 SLIDING SEAT AND TRAPEZE

- 16.1 One sliding seat or pair of trapeze wires, which shall be used to support one person only, is permitted.
- 16.2 The sliding seat shall not extend more than 990mm from the hull, measured in plan, nor weigh more than 8.20kg, including all fittings, but excluding bridge.
- 16.3 The trapeze harness or belt shall weight not more than 3.5kg and shall float.

17 SAILING WEIGHT

- 17.1 The sailing weight of the boat in dry condition shall be not less than 126kg.
- 17.2 The sailing weight may include only the following items:
Hull and all fixed fittings, protective finish sliding seat bridge, sliding seat and handling equipment, buoyancy apparatus, centreboard, rudder, tiller and extension, mast including rigging, fittings, trapeze wires and equipment (excluding harness or belt), main and spinnaker booms, fittings, mainsheet and blocks, control lines and blocks, spinnaker sheets and genoa sheets.
- 17.3 If the sailing weight is less than 126kg correctors shall be fitted to make up the correct weight.

18 SAILS

- 18.1.1 Sails shall be measured in accordance with the 1986 IYRU Sail Measurement Instructions except where varied herein.
- 18.1.2 The following and other similar high tensile materials shall not be used: aramids, carbon fibres.

- 18.2 The sail number, letter(s) and class emblem shall be placed as laid down in RRS Appendix G. The Class emblem, as shown below, shall be not less than 300mm high or 125mm wide. National letters need not be displayed on spinnakers.



Numbers and letters shall be of the following minimum dimensions:

Height: 300mm

Width: 200mm (excluding number one and letter 1)

Thickness: 45mm

Minimum space between adjoining figures: 60mm

Outline numbers are prohibited.

- 18.3 Double luffed sails are prohibited.

18.4 Mainsail

- 18.4.1 When racing no part of the sail shall extend above the lower edge of band No 4 or beyond the inner edge of the boom band.

- 18.4.2 Not more than seven battens and pockets may be fitted. The batten pockets may extend to the luff and inside width shall not exceed 60mm.

- 18.4.3 A headboard may be fitted.

- 18.4.4 The length of the leech shall be not more than 6465mm.

- 18.4.5 The width at the head shall be not more than 130mm.

The width, measured between points 300mm down the luff and leech from the head, shall be not more than 325mm.

The three-quarter height cross width shall be not more than 1120mm.

The half height cross width shall be not more than 1860mm.

The quarter height cross width shall be not more than 2370mm.

18.5 Headsail

- 18.5.1 Not more than three battens and pockets may be fitted in the leech. The inside dimensions of the batten pockets shall not exceed 315mm in length and 60mm in width. Battens in the foot are prohibited.
- 18.5.2 The length of the luff, leech and foot shall not exceed 4115mm, 3963mm and 2134mm respectively.
- 18.5.3 The centre measurement shall not exceed 4115mm. The measurement shall be taken as the distance between the mid-point of the foot and the highest point of the sail on the luff at the head. The midpoint of the foot shall be determined by folding the tack to the clew and tensioning both halves of the foot equally.
- 18.5.4 The "triangulation" method of measurement shall be used if the width of the sail at the head, measured at right angles to the luff, exceeds 30mm.

18.6 Spinnaker

- 18.6.1 The spinnaker shall be a symmetrical three cornered sail. No battens or other stiffening device, other than normal woven cloth reinforcing is allowed.
- 18.6.2 A headboard may be fitted and if fitted shall be not more than 105mm in any direction.
- 18.6.3 When measuring, the sail shall be folded in half with the clews laid on top of each other, and laid on the floor as flat as possible with just sufficient tension to remove wrinkles along the leeches, the middle fold and the foot of the sail.
- 18.6.4 The length of the leeches shall be not more than 4350mm.
- 18.6.5 The length of the centre fold of the sail shall be not more than 5100mm.
- 18.6.6 The half-width of the foot shall be not more than 1500mm.
- 18.6.7 The half-width shall at no point be more than 1800mm - this measurement shall be taken at right angles to the leeches.
- 18.6.8 The half height/half width measurement shall be not less than 1500mm - this measurement shall be found by laying the highest point of the sail directly below the centre of the clew cringles. The resulting fold at half height must be made free of wrinkles and the measurement be taken round the edge of the fold.
- 18.6.9 Where the clew cringles are fixed outside the edges of the sail, the point of measurement shall be the intersection of the lines drawn along the edges of the leeches and the foot of the sail.
- 18.6.10 Spinnaker Numbers may be shown on the leeward side of the sail only.

19 PROHIBITIONS

- 19.1 Outriggers.
- 19.2 Movable ballast.
- 19.3 Hydrofoils.
- 19.4 Any apparatus extending outboard, the purpose of which is, or may be, to support or assist in supporting a member of the crew outboard or partially outboard except for a trapeze, sliding seat or toe straps.
- 19.5 Exotic materials incorporated within the mast, running rigging, centreboard, rudder and hull construction. These materials include: titanium and its alloys and cobalt and its alloys.
- 19.6 Carbon fibres as a material of the mast.

20 CREW

- 20.1 There shall be two persons on board during racing, if the boat is fitted with a sliding seat or trapeze, or three persons if no sliding seat or trapeze is fitted.
- 20.2 The total weight of clothing and equipment worn or carried by a competitor, including any buoyancy apparatus and trapeze harness or belt, shall not exceed 15kg when wet. The weight of clothing and equipment shall be measured in accordance with the method in RRS Appendix H, except that any clothing worn under a dry suit shall not be soaked in water.

21 ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 21.1 **The only permitted electronic devices are chronographs and compasses which offer functions not exceeding timing, heading and directional memory, which may include a user programmed reference heading. Any such device must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power and have no external connections.**

PART C - DIMENSIONS

The following are those dimensions required to be measured by an RYA Approved Measurer and entered on the approved measurement form. On completion of satisfactory measurement the Measurer shall supply the owner with the completed and signed measurement form, which shall be forwarded to the RYA with the application for a measurement certificate, in accordance with these rules.

No boat is entitled to use the class name National Hornet until such time as a duly completed and signed measurement certificate has been issued by the Royal Yachting Association.

Item No	Rule No.	Dimensions	Minimum	Maximum
1	5.1	Is the sail number either cut into, or indelibly marked on, the outside of transom in figures not less than 25mm in height?	YES/NO	
2	6.1	If built of plywood: a) thickness of hull shell	6	
3	7.5	Length overall, excluding normal rudder and stem fittings	4865	4890
4	6.3	Plan width of rubbing strake from sheerline		50
5	16.2	Extension of sliding seat (if fitted) from hull, measured in plan		990
6	14.2	Point of intersection of shrouds, or their extensions (below the spreaders if fitted), at level of sheerline from aft face of transom.	2732	2758
7		Are the shrouds attached by means of shroud plates fixed to the topsides, gunwales or pads thereon?	YES/NO	
8	14.5	Point of intersection of extension of headsail luff and sheerline from aft edge of transom	4714	
9	11.10	Foreside of mast slot from aft edge of transom	3263	3289
10	7.1	Beam measured to sheerline at: a) transom	927	953
11		b) section 1:	1194	1220
12		c) section 2:	1366	1392
13		d) section 3:	1385	1411
14		e) section 4:	1207	1233
15		f) section 5:	733	759
16	7.1 & 7.4	Base line to keel including keelband at a) transom	225	251
17		b) section 2:	85	111
18		c) section 3:	44	70
19		d) section 4:	70	96
20	7.8	Distance from aft edge of transom to point of		

		intersection of extension of straight line of stem, including stem band, and Base line	4737	4777
21	7.7	Distance from a point 270mm from Base line, measured along extension of straight line of stem, including stem band, to nearest point of keel, including keelband.	30	50
22		Distance from point of intersection of extension of straight of stem, including stem band, and extension of line from keel, including keelband to Base line measured along stem line.	260	280
23	7.12	Extension of boat in accordance with rule.		125
24	7.1	Base line to chine at transom	304	330
25		Base line to sheerline at transom	509	535
26		Beam at chine at transom	826	852
27		Base line to chine at section 1	251	277
28		Base line to sheerline at section 1	528	554
29		Beam at chine at section 1	1054	1080
30		Base line to chine at section 2	197	223
31		Base line to sheerline at section 2	556	582
32		Beam at chine at section 2	1194	1220
33		Base line to chine at section 3	184	210
34		Base line to sheerline at section 3	590	616
35		Beam at chine at section 3	1182	1208
36		Base line to chine at section 4	254	280
37		Base line to sheerline at section 4	634	660
38		Beam at chine at section 4	927	953
39		Base line to chine at section 5	375	401
40		Base line to sheerline at section 5	699	725
41		Beam at chine at section 5	419	445
42		Base line to sheerline at stem	737	763
43	7.2.2	Any projection of deck at transom: Beyond aft edge Below deck surface		12 30
44	7.10	Fore end of centreboard slot to aft edge of transom	2884	2910
45		Aft edge of centreboard slot to aft edge of transom	1740	1766
46		Width of centreboard slot		40
47	7.6	Deviation of external planking at sections 1, 2, 3 and transom from a straight edge placed on the planking at right angles to the centreline		5
48	6.4	Round on chine between: a) transom and section 4:		8
49		b) sections 4 and 5		12
50	9.1	When housed does centreboard extend above the sheerline or below the keel?	YES/NO	

SPARS

51	11.3	Is the upper edge of band No 1 level with sheerline	YES/NO	
52		Upper edge of band No 2 above the upper edge of band No 1	655	760
53		Lower edge of band No 3 above upper edge of band No 1		4650
54		Lower edge of band No 4 above upper edge of band No 1		6705
55	11.3	Lower edge of band No 4 above upper edge of band No 2		5945
56	11.7	Projection of spinnaker boom fittings from mast		50
57	11.4	Weight of mast	9kg	
58	11.5	Centre of gravity of the mast, in the same condition as for item No 56 from the upper edge of band No 1	2440	
59	12.3	Inner edge of boom band to aft side of mast		2667
60	12.2	Does boom, including sail track, but excluding fittings, pass through a 100mm diameter circle	YES/NO	
61	13.2	Overall length of spinnaker boom		2500

SAILS

62	18.4	The mainsail shall be measured with the luff and foot stretched to not more than the following dimensions: Luff		5945
63		Foot The following measurements shall then be taken: Mainsail		2667
64	18.4.4	Leech		6465
65	18.4.5	Width at head		130
66	18.4.5	Width at luff position 300mm down, leech position 300mm down		325
67	18.4.5	Three-quarter height cross width		1120
68	18.4.5	Half height cross width		1860
69	18.4.5	Quarter height cross width		2370
70	18.4.2	Number of battens and batten pockets		7
71	18.4.2	Inside width of batten pockets		60
72	18.5	Headsail Luff		4115
73		Foot		2134
74		Leech		3963
75		Centre measurement		4115
76	18.6.2	Spinnaker Size of headboard in any dimension		105
77	18.6.4	Length of leeches		4350

78	18.6.5	Length of centre fold		5100
79	18.6.6	Half-width of foot		1500
80	18.6.7	Max half-width		1800
81	18.6.8	Half height half width	1500	
WEIGHT				
82	17.1	Sailing Weight	126kg	
83	16.21	Weight of sliding seat (if fitted) excluding seat bridge		8.2kg

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