

### **4000 Class Official Rule Interpretation 2023:1**

This official interpretation is issued in accordance with paragraph 5.4 of the Class Measurement Rules. Please note the following interpretations:

<b>Rule paragraph</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Interpretation note</b>
3.2	The 4000 shall have a licensed Builder's hull identification plaque incorporating the boat's sail number fixed in the rear of the cockpit	This plaque may become worn, illegible or missing and that of its own shall not make a boat non-compliant with the Measurement Rules
4.1	Trapeze handles, cleats and rings, provided that these are not rigged for a continuous trapeze system.	For clarity: any purchase ratio (1:1, 1:2 or greater) may be used in the rigging of the trapeze height adjustment system. The use of multiple rings to give multiple clipping on positions is also allowed, as is the use of the 'Chinese Rope Trick' to allow easy adjustment of the fixed rope section.
4.2	Running rigging, with any of different length and material. Lines can be composed of two or more lengths of rope spliced together. Splices can replace knots. Lines are not required to be of uniform diameter. No restriction is placed on the minimum or maximum diameter of lines, except for spinnaker sheets, which must be at least 6mm at their thinnest section.	<p>This rule has been modified to allow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the use of ropes made from any type of fibre (including high performance fibres such as aramid and dyneema);</li> <li>• the tapering of ropes - for example to reduce friction or weight whilst still offering good purchase in a cleat or in hand; and,</li> <li>• the joining together of two different rope types to form a single line - for example, the main halyard can be composed of a high modulus rope to serve as the tensioned portion of the halyard when the mainsail is rigged and a cheaper rope as its tail.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, it is clarified that, the length of lines is not controlled, with the length in the rigging manual being a suggestion and not binding. All lines except the spinnaker sheets are not restricted in diameter, and aside from the spinnaker sheets, diameter indicated in the rigging manual is again a suggestion and not binding.</p> <p>Lines can be joined to other lines or deck hardware by means of knots, splices or any combination of these.</p> <p><b>Note that the spinnaker sheets can be made according to all the rules above provided that the minimum diameter at any point along their length is at least 6mm. This rule is enforced to reduce the risk of thin and long ropes wrapping around limbs, for example during a capsized.</b></p>
6.2	For sanctioned events designated by the Class Association as requiring the attendance of the Chief Measurer, his additional responsibilities shall include (where required).....	At international events the Chief Measurer responsibilities will be fulfilled by the appointed measurer of the host nation, taking into account the view of other nations' appointed measurers if present. If the appointed measurer of the host nation is not present, then the role will be taken by that of another nation who is present.
7.8	Where a helm and crew have completed a race, and not retired, and subsequently it has been determined that they have failed to comply with Rule 7, they shall be disqualified from that race.	This will typically mean that they shall be disqualified from all races run back to back (without returning to shore) prior to the determination, unless they can prove that the failure to comply with Rule 7 was not for all those races.