

Reporting committee: **ITC**

TACK LINES WITH POWERED ASSISTANCE

PROPOSAL

Amend the ORC rule to permit tack-line systems driven by electric or hydraulic power, with a rating adjustment applied.

RATIONALE

Tack-lines control off-wind sails and often carry high loads. Manual handling increases risks, particularly during sail changes. Powered tack-lines improve safety, efficiency, and reduce crew strain. Performance gains can be rated fairly. Modern practice in other classes supports this update, and discussions at the 2025 ORCi World Championship highlighted this issue.