

Reporting committee: **ITC**

SPINNAKER RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

PROPOSAL

Permit powered spinnaker retrieval systems (tube or other systems) with an appropriate rating adjustment.

RATIONALE

Non-manual powered spinnaker retrieval systems improve safety by reducing the need for multiple crew on the foredeck during douses. Retrieval systems are widely used in offshore racing and reduce accidents in heavy weather. Performance impacts can be captured by ORC ratings. Allowing powered retrieval systems would allow an increase of performance on less purpose-made race boats, like the TP52s, without the addition of grinder pedestals and hence support higher level racing on dual-purpose yachts.

This subject was discussed extensively at the 2025 ORCi World Championship, underlining its importance.