

Reporting committee: **ITC**  
**MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE**

## OUTRIGGERS

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### **PROPOSAL**

That the ORC rules be amended to explicitly allow the use of outriggers in rating certificates where such outriggers are part of the original yacht design and construction and not later modifications.

### **RATIONALE**

Modern yacht designs incorporate outriggers as a fundamental part of their sail-handling systems. Prohibiting or failing to recognize them under current rules places these yachts at a disadvantage or prevents their inclusion in ORC racing.

Allowing outriggers where they are integral to the yacht's design will:

- Broaden participation by welcoming more contemporary yachts into the ORC framework.
- Support innovation in yacht design, while ensuring fair competition through appropriate rating treatment.

Align ORC practice with the principle of rating boats based on their actual, original configuration rather than penalizing or excluding certain design features. Allows same sails to be used in both one design classes and ORC.

Proposed Amendment:

*“Outriggers are not permitted, except where specifically allowed for headsail sheets led to the main boom when sailing downwind. Outriggers are permitted if they are part of the yacht's original design and construction, not later modifications. They must be measured, declared in the inventory, and accounted for in the VPP. Their use is prohibited during inshore races and offshore start sequences.”*

Amendment to Rule 103 – Measurement Inventory:

*Add: “Fixed outriggers, when part of the original yacht design.”*