

USE OF STORM JIBS

PROPOSAL

Adopt a clear rule in ORC(IRC) concerning the use of a storm jib. A storm jib has the sole purpose of being used so long as

- a) you remain in compliance with the OSR category specified by the Race organizer
- b) the storm jib is declared and counted as a headsail in the certificate and is also measured as such in which case it shall not count as a storm jib for OSR
- c) the storm jib may not be set in conjunction with any other sail forward of the forward-most spar.

RATIONALE

As storm jibs developed to become an extra sail (usually as a staysail), a rule was introduced in the Offshore Special Regulations to prevent this. The implementation of this rule, however, was not very strong (4.27.1e).

If a race organizer does not clearly state that OSR Category xx is enforced, it becomes unclear. The current solution makes it also very hard for a jury to judge and decide what the penalty should be as it currently is not a breach of the certificate rules.

Both IRC and ORC wanted to stop the “misuse” of storm jibs by making this clear it is not in compliance with your certificate.

** ** ** ** **	4.27.1 Design a) the material of the body of a storm sail purchased after 2013 shall have a highly visible colour (e.g. dayglo pink, orange or yellow), b) aromatic polyamides, carbon and similar fibres shall not be used in a trysail or storm jib, but <u>HMPE</u> and similar materials are permitted, c) sheeting positions on deck for each storm and heavy-weather sail, d) sheeting positions for the trysail independent of the boom, and e) A storm jib may not be set in conjunction with any other sail set forwards of the forward mast spar.
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