

# Proposal – AGM 2006

## Europe Class

### **Reg. Rule 42 experiment.**

Many discussions take place regarding the handling of rule 42.

Judging this rule differs from event to event because it is extremely difficult to judge the rule objectively.

As a result of this the Danish Europe Class Association would like to propose the following changes to rule 42 implemented in class rule 4.2 as an experiment to be evaluated at the AGM 2007.

Any of the following exceptions/changes of rule 42 is only in effect when seated in a normal position.

When not seated in a normal position rule 42 is in force without any changes by these class rules.

Rule 42 is changed as follows:

#### **42.2 Prohibited Actions**

Without limiting the application of rule 42.1, these actions are prohibited:

No changes:

- (a) pumping: repeated fanning of any sail either by pulling in and releasing the sail.

Delete:

- (b) rocking: repeated rolling of the boat, induced by
  - (1) body movement,
  - (2) repeated adjustment of the sails or centreboard, or
  - (3) steering;

Delete:

- (c) ooching: sudden forward body movement, stopped abruptly;

No changes:

- (d) sculling: repeated movement of the helm that is either forceful or that propels the boat forward or prevents her from moving astern;

No changes:

- (e) repeated tacks or gybes unrelated to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations.

#### **42.3 Exceptions**

Delete:

- (a) A boat may be rolled to facilitate steering.

Delete:

- (b) A boat's crew may move their bodies to exaggerate the rolling that facilitates steering the boat through a tack or a gybe, provided that, just after the tack or gybe is completed, the boat's speed is not greater than it would have been in the absence of the tack or gybe.

Modify:

- (c) Except on a beat to windward, the boat's crew may pump the sheet. When the sail is pumped it shall be done through the bottom block with at least three parts of the mainsheet system.

Modified:

- (d) When a boat is above a close-hauled course and either stationary or moving slowly, she may scull to turn to a 90° angle to the wind course.

No changes:

- (e) A boat may reduce speed by repeatedly moving her helm.

No changes:

- (f) Any means of propulsion may be used to help a person or another vessel in danger.

No changes:

- (g) To get clear after grounding or colliding with another boat or object, a boat may use force applied by the crew of either boat and any equipment other than a propulsion engine.

Further changes to the class rules:

### 3.2.5 Fitting and equipment

- (iii) Fittings and equipments not defined as fixed in Rule 3.2.5(i) are optional except that any electronic or electrically powered fitting or equipment other than timing devices are prohibited. They shall be removed for weighing and weight distribution tests.

**Any device intended to move the boom to leeward or/and forward is prohibited. This includes elastics or lines of any kind.**