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UMPIRE Q & A's

Q1

When performing the task of roll tacking on an upwind leg or heeling the boat to windward on a downwind leg, is it permissible to briefly position your body leaning over and outside the upper lifelines?

Case 83 notes: "The phrase "to perform a necessary task" contained within rule 49.2 means that the torso may be positioned outside the lifelines only to perform a task that could not reasonably be carried out from within the lifelines."

A1

"No. If the crew deliberately place their torso outside the lifelines with the purpose of roll tacking or heeling the boat, they break RRS 49.2. The exception for performing necessary tasks does not apply to these actions, as tacking and trimming the boat may both be carried out without breaking the rule. See [ISAF Cases](#) 36 and 83."

Q2

Is it permitted to take part of a penalty turn within the *zone* of Mark "F"?

A2

No.

Q3

Is any form of banding of the spinnaker permitted other than the Velcro ties attached to the sail?

A3

No. The spinnakers may only be banded with the Velcro ties attached to them for this purpose, as provided by the OA. Any other form of banding will be considered as prohibited equipment, subject to protest and penalty. See SI Appendix 3, 3.1 and 3.6(b).

Q4

Is it possible to use the alternate jib or spinnaker halyards provided by a competitor that were in place during measurement, provided the halyards provided by the OA remain in place?

A4

No. The halyards provided by the OA are intended as the primary halyards to be used while racing. The halyards provided by competitors are carried as alternate or backup rigging, only to be used as temporary replacement if the primary set cannot be used due to an unforeseen circumstance, which would then need to be reported to the Technical Committee under SI Appendix 3 1.12 and 4.3(c). The use of the alternate halyards as primary halyards would be a breach of SI Appendix 3 1.3 and 3.6(b).

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