**SI ADDENDUM B – HANDLING of BOATS**

**1 GENERAL**

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

**2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS** - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.

2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.

2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.

2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.

2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.

2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.

2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore.

2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.

2.9 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink, or using any tape that leaves a residue/use of duct tape.

2.10 Using a flattener as a reef or using a reef line as an outhaul.

2.12 Cross winching foresail sheets.

2.13 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.

2.14 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.

2.15 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.

2.17 Attaching lines to the fabric of gennakers.

2.18 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.

2.19 Radio transmission (including mobile telephones), except to report damage or in response to a request from the RC.

2.20 The use of electronic equipment, unless permitted by SI B3.1.

2.22 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.

2.24 Having the bowsprit extended, except when in the process of setting, flying or taking down the gennaker. The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after taking down the gennaker. A boat that does not retract the bowsprit fully may be warned and given an opportunity to correct the error.

2.25 Extending the bowsprit before getting on the new leg of the course, after entering the zone of a rounding mark without a gennaker set.

2.26 A breach of SI B 2.22, 2.24 or 2.25 is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by Umpires in accordance with UF3.4(a)(6).

**3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS** – the following are permitted:

3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:

(a) basic hand tools

(b) adhesive tape

(c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)

(d) marking pens

(e) tell-tale material

(f) hand held compasses, watches, timers and small personal video devises such as GoPro

(g) shackles and clevis pins

(h) velcro tape

(i) bosun’s chair

(j) spare flags

(k) PFD's when not supplied by the OA

3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:

(a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets

(b) attach tell tales

(c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard

(d) mark control settings

(e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments

(f) make signals as per UF3.3(a) and SI

(g) personal safety

3.3 Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.

3.4 Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.

**4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS** – the following are mandatory:

4.1 The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches. When boat swaps are carried out on the water, the report should be made verbally to the RC as soon as possible.

4.2 At the end of each sailing day:

(a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed

(b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day

(c) releasing backstay tension

4.3 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all tape and mark.

4.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

4.5 Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.

4.7 A breach of items 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.