

10 September 2015

The Executive Board of the J/109 Class Association has a proposed change to the class rules regarding inhaulers that was previously announced on the class website. Current class members are eligible to vote on this proposed change. The link to vote online is provided below, together with an explanation of the voting process. Members are requested not to forward this email to other people.

Who can Vote?

Section 3.1 of the J/109 Class Constitution provides that "A Voting Member shall be a legal owner or one designated legal owner in the case of a boat with more than one legal owner, such that each registered boat shall have one Voting Member. Each Voting Member shall have one vote." Voting Members maintain membership by paying annual membership dues and by complying with the J/109 Class Association Constitution and J/109 Class Rules. Note - if you desire to vote on the rules changes and are not a current year member, please go to the class website, update your membership and pay your current year dues.

When can I Vote?

All current members are being sent this email no later than 10 September 2015 notifying them that the official ballot is available. Voting is available online through midnight GMT 10 October 2015, at which time the results will be validated and tallied by the J/109 Class Secretary.

What am I voting about?

The proposed rules change would allow installation of a system with control lines to permit inhauling the jib. Under class rule 4.3 "The following are permitted while racing:" is sub paragraph 4.3.7 which allows only "Trimming the lazy windward sheet to barber haul the jib". The proposed amendment would change rule 4.3.7 to read as follows:

"4.3.7 The Jib may be in hauled forward of the mast with the lazy sheet or behind the mast in a horizontal manner with a control line system."

If the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds of the votes cast by Voting Members, It will become effective at the time of the **J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2015.**

How do I Vote?

Click on the following link and record your vote. Please vote only once. You will record your name and hull number when you vote. <https://j109.org/vote/index.php/287358?lang=en>

Results will be announced at the J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting scheduled for 22 October 2015. For more information about the annual meeting, check the announcement on the [J/109 Class website](#).

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