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AMERICA'S CUP 36

Interpretation 05 I

of

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Rule References:

- 28.4 The total mass of **carried equipment** worn or carried by each crew member shall weigh between 3.0 kg and 5.0 kg, with clothing and equipment weighed dry. The lower limit must apply at the start of a race, but can be reduced during a race due to consumption of food or drink. Any media, Organizing Authority supplied or **carried equipment** brought aboard by a crew member must be carried by that crew member at all times when racing.
- 28.5 Clothing and equipment shall not be designed to retain water for the purpose of increasing mass.
- 28.9 Any crew that go forward of a plane 11.0 m forward of **TRP** may only do so as permitted by Rule 28.8, and must be tethered to the **hull** by a harness and safety line that complies with ISO 12401, the safety line being no longer than 2 m.
- 35.8 **Carried equipment**
Clothing, safety equipment, other equipment, food and drink carried aboard by the crew, excluding media and Organizing Authority supplied equipment.

Context:

The definition of **carried equipment** describes items that are worn or carried by members of the crew.

Rule 28.4 requires that **carried equipment** be carried (or presumably worn, if the item of **carried equipment** is designed to be worn rather than carried) by that crew member at all times when racing.

Rule 28.9 requires that under certain circumstances, crew must attach an item of **carried equipment** to the **yacht**.

Questions:

1. May items of **carried equipment** be attached to the **yacht** at times and under circumstances other than those specified in Rule 28.9, provided that **carried equipment** is always worn or carried by the crew member?
2. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, what rule is infringed?

Interpretation:

There is no rule that explicitly bans the attachment of **carried equipment** to the **yacht** provided that the **carried equipment** is always worn or carried by the crew member whilst racing.

However, if items of equipment are attached to the **yacht** other than as specifically required by rule 28.9, that equipment item may no longer qualify as **carried equipment**, and may be considered part of the **yacht** for all purposes of the **class rule**.

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Answers:

1. Yes, in principle. Other rules may be infringed depending on how the **carried equipment** is attached to the **yacht**.
Only a minimal amount of weight of the **carried equipment** may be transferred to the **yacht**.
2. See interpretation above.

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