

CHALLENGER OF RECORD & DEFENDER AMERICA'S CUP 36

Interpretation 080 of AC75 Class Rule Version 1.27 issued 15th January 2021

Rule References:

- 12.11 When viewed from above and orthogonal to **MWP**, neither the crew nor the guest racer shall be covered at any time by any part of the **yacht** except:
- by the **mast** or sails or rigging;
 - by hand-held movable devices whose only purpose is to house **passive input devices** and/or **crew indication devices**, and these devices are not designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew;
 - by other components, provided that the total area of cover per person, **projected** to **MWP**, does not exceed 0.025 m^2 and this covering is not designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew;
or
 - if this happens accidentally and no more than occasionally.

Interpretation 054, question and answer 6.

Questions:

- With the exception of occurrences that are accidental and occasional, when viewed from above and orthogonal to **MWP** is it permitted to cover the crew at any time by any part of the **yacht** designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew?
- Is Rule 12.11 (d) applicable if part of a crew member is covered momentarily but regularly by any part of the **yacht** designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew?

Interpretation:

Rule 12.11 clauses (a), (b) and (c) define physical exceptions for coverage of crew. Clauses (b) and (c) prohibit the covering of crew by parts designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew.

Answers:

- Yes, crew may be covered by the **mast** or sails or rigging, whether or not they are designed to provide aerodynamic fairing of the crew.
- For the exception of Rule 12.11 (d) to come into effect two requirements must be met:
 - accidental cover of the crew; and also
 - occasional cover of the crew.

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