



J/80 East Coast Championships

Saturday – Sunday, August 25 – 26, 2018

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club

J/80 Class Rule C.8.3(b) Bowsprit Guidance

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J/80 Class Rule, Section C – Conditions for Racing

C.8.3 BOWSPRIT

(b) Use

- (i) When retracted, the forward end shall not extend more than 76mm forward of the **hull**.
- (ii) To extend the bowsprit a boat shall be in the process of either a continuous hoist, flying or a continuous retrieval of the gennaker. At all other times the bowsprit shall be retracted and comply with C.8.3(b)(i).
- (iii) A watertight seal, tape or other material may be added around the bowsprit spar.
- (iv) A batten not to exceed 150mm may be added to the end of the bowsprit as a preventer for the gennaker sheet.

Windward Mark:

- 1. Once the bowsprit is extended, the crew must be actively engaged in the process of hoisting the spinnaker. There should be noticeable movement of the spinnaker tack line and/or the halyard with the sail coming out of storage.
- 2. A brief interruption of the hoist to resolve a problem with the hoist is acceptable. But if resolving the problem is not brief, the pole must be retracted until the problem is resolved.

Leeward Mark:

- 1. Once the crew begins to retrieve the spinnaker, they cannot stop/hesitate while the bowsprit is extended.
- 2. With the bowsprit extended, there should be noticeable movement of the spinnaker being brought down with the sail returning to storage. A brief interruption in the retrieval of the spinnaker to resolve a problem with the retrieval is acceptable. But if the interruption is not brief, the bowsprit must be retracted.
- 3. If the spinnaker is luffing, continuous retrieval includes active efforts by the crew to gain control of the sail.
- 4. The retrieval of the spinnaker is considered complete when most of the spinnaker is under control, and the head of the spinnaker is below the boom. Storing the spinnaker after lowering it is not considered to be part of the retrieval.

Extension of a Retracted Pole:

This is 76 mm (3 inches)