



J105 North American Championship

Question for Officials

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Question For: Protest Committee

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Many competitors in the J/105 fleet have taken to sailing wing-on-wing using a "human pole", who leans well over the top lifeline in order to support the spinnaker sheet. If the crew's torso is extended over the top lifeline, does this violate Rule 49.2? If only the crew's arm extends over the lifeline, does this change the answer? Is this considered a "necessary task" briefly performed?

Answer:

If the crew's torso is extended over the top lifeline for purpose of supporting the spinnaker sheet, then yes, RRS 49.2 would be broken by this action (see WS Case 36). If only arm is extended over the lifeline in supporting the spinnaker sheet, then they have not broken RRS 49.2. This is not considered a necessary task briefly performed.

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