

CMRC Rule Clarification: In-hauling and Jib Lead Ruling

On January 31, 2023, a request was made for a rule clarification on rule 7.1.8:

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Request Description:

Request Detail: I have a question regarding "in-hauling" the jib.

Under Section 7, Prohibitions: 7.1.8 Blocks and/or sheeting methods which facilitate trimming the jib inboard of the jib tracks

I always interpreted this as not allowing any sheeting method that allowed the jib to be trimmed inboard of the clew location realized when the jib track and car are being used in their intended way.

I have come to the understanding that some boats are using the weather sheet to pull the jib clew to weather (in-hauling) so that the clew of the jib meets a "plane" defined by the inboard edge of the jib track. This concern is exacerbated by a recent article that appears to demonstrate the efficacy of significant performance enhancement using "in-hauling" that appears to exceed the limitation of the jib track.

Is this legal? Is this the intention of the rule? Are we allowed to pull the jib clew to windward to the limit of the jib track?

Thank you for your consideration and clarification.

CMRC Ruling

The intent of rule 7.1.8 is to prevent in-hauling of the jib in any way. This includes the practice of using the windward jib sheet to pull the clew of the jib to the inboard edge of the jib track; this action is prohibited.

Also, considering the intent of the current and 2008 previous Rule on this topic. The jib car shall not be allowed to tip inboard whereas allowing the jib sheet inside of the track under load or when cross-sheeting is utilized.

Current Rule

7.1.8 Blocks and/or sheeting methods which facilitate trimming the jib inboard of the jib tracks.

Previous Rule (Sept 2008)

14.14 Jib car and inboard sheeting. The genoa sheet must be outboard of the inner edge of the one design genoa tracks when led through the jib car. The jib car shall not be allowed to tip inboard of the jib track position as the jib sheet is loaded up, or when cross-sheeting is utilized. The intent of this rule is to avoid allowing a narrower sheeting angle for yachts that utilize inboard sheeting.

Revised Rule

Rule to be submitted during the 2024 Winter Class Meeting