

OSR 4.27.3 A Heavy-Weather Jib

Reef in Heavy Weather Jib in OSR

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association and IRC Rating System

Purpose or Objective

To make it clear the maximum area of the heavy weather jib is with the sail in an unreefed condition.

Proposal

Amend OSR 4.27.3 a) as follows:

a) area, **without a reef**, of 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared.

Current Position

4.27.3 a)

a) area of 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared

Reasons

1. It is not clear in the OSR if the heavy weather jib area is with or without a reef.
 2. It is appropriate to require the maximum area to be without a reef as this is a safety sail that should not have additional material on the deck or furled in a heavy weather safety situation.
 3. Measurers and safety inspectors cannot easily assess the area of the sail in a reefed condition.
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