

Class Rule Interpretation

International Formula 18 Class Association

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QUESTION 1:

Would an elongated snuffer mouth extending aftwards designed to contain a section of the spinnaker when stowed and partially replacing the sock, be considered class legal under the current class rules?

Relevant Class Rules: (Effective Class Rules at the time: 1st July 2019)

Introduction:

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F.5.3 FITTINGS:

(a) MANDATORY

(1) Snuffer mouth, made of any material except for carbon fibre

(2) Snuffer sock, made of cloth

Interpretation 1:

An elongated snuffer mouth would not be considered class legal for the Formula 18 class for the following reason:

The snuffer mouth is intended to guide the spinnaker into the sock, however in this case, the mouth is partially serving as the sock due to its length. This would not be allowed as the sock may only be made of cloth.

QUESTION 2:

Are there any limitations to the maximum width of the snuffer sock at any point?

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Interpretation 2:

No, there are no limitations, however the snuffer sock should be designed to suit its primary intended purpose – to store the spinnaker. Any artificial widening of the spinnaker sock may be serving a secondary function and should therefore not be allowed.