

# Request for Class Rules Interpretation

## Case 1 – 2017 Nacra 17 Worlds

### Answer

The block creates a new function under the rules. I can understand why some teams may want to fit this, but it should go through the AGM to be voted on by the sailors, before being added to the rules.

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### Request

#### C.6.1 MODIFICATIONS

(a) The use of the following items is in general unrestricted, except that such items shall not be used in such a way as to create a fitting or extend a function of a permitted fitting:

(i) shockcord, with a maximum diameter of 5 mm;

(ii) adhesive tape

(iii) rings

(iv) ropes of any length and diameter may be added as long as it does not create a new function to the boat.

(v) plastic balls

(vi) blocks with a maximum sheave diameter of 20mm may be added provided it does not create a new function.

INTERPRETATION REQUEST: Is the addition of turning blocks in the traveler system considered “new function”? See pictures below. A single block is added to the aft crossbar bolt on each side.



Figure 1 - Bullet block addition off aft crossbar bolt

DISCUSSION:

The traveler system is a good tool for the foiling N17 and to take full advantage of its potential to aid in creating the power to foil, it must be easily adjustable. The additional blocks add needed purchase to deal with the loads on the traveler from awkward angles from the trapeze. This adaptation will help the smaller female skippers.

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