

Buccaneer Class Association - Chief Measurers Ruling

Ruling Number: 2001-1

Date: June 2001

Constitutional Reference location (Version - September 2004, Rev. 2004.2):

General Racing Rules

III Sails

3. "At the National Championships, sails will be measured prior to racing and date stamped accordingly."

Ruling:

Once a sail is measured and marked per Rule three above, the sail will be valid for use in all subsequent BNAC's. Sails are subject to re-measurement either by a valid protest, and/or the rules regarding a top six BNAC finisher. Once approved by the Class and marked, it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the sail for use (size).

Failure to do so may result in the sail be ruled as not meeting the BCA Rules, henceforth illegal. Forfeiture of Races during the event where the infraction was determined will be up to the discretion of the BCA Officers present. Note: Spinnakers are the sails that tend to exhibit the most growth. Drying of that sail by the owner is permissible prior to re-measurement.

Background:

Accurate Sail measurement is the most difficult processes during a BNAC. In order to expedite and simply the BNAC Measurement procedure, the Class Officers and Chief Measurer agreed that once a sail was measured it should not significantly change within a year or two of use. Growth will occur as the sail is used substantially, but concurrently it will suffer a loss in performance.

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