



# Royal Ocean Racing Club Rating Office

## Swan 45 Class

### Proposed Rule Change for 2009 – Headsail Widths

#### 1. Preamble

The proposals below follow developments in the design of headsails during 2007 and 2008.

In essence, the current headsail widths are slightly too large for the available space forward of the spreaders leading to the development of 'notched' leeches.

The proposal therefore is to reduce the permitted headsail widths.

It should be noted that the change to Rule G.1.1 requires **ALL** headsails, including existing sails, to comply with the revised widths with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009

Proposed changes and additions are marked by a left marginal line.

#### 2. Proposed Rule Changes

Amend Rule G.1.1:

##### G.1.1 RULES

- (a) **Sails** shall comply with the **class rules** in force at the time of **certification** except that all headsails shall comply with Rule G.3.2.

Delete Rule G.1.2 and replace with:

##### G.3.2 DIMENSIONS

Headsail dimensions shall not exceed:

- (a) **Luff length** (LL) 19000 mm
- (b) **Luff Perpendicular** (LP) 5760 mm
- (c) **Half width** (HHW) 2970 mm
- (d) **Threequarter Width** (HTW) 1620 mm
- (e) **Top Width** (HHB) 150 mm
- (f) Spare

Mike Urwin  
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