

International J/22 Class Rules Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Is Hull Fairing Permitted?

No, CR 3.2.2 states “reshaping of the hull profile or contours is prohibited.” Sanding as preparation for the application of anti-fouling paint or epoxy is part of the proper application process.

2. Can I replace my toe rails with plastic?

Yes, extruded toe rails and companionway slides from approved vendor are considered a permitted Builders Specification change.

3. Can I replace my hand rails with stainless?

Yes, stainless steel hand rails supplied by an approved vendor are considered a permitted Builders Specification change.

4. Can I use angled tiller straps?

No, this is prohibited as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3: “No alterations, modifications or additions are permitted.” The straps must be as provided and described in the Builders Specification.

5. Can I use composite spinnaker pole ends?

Yes, replacement of cast end fittings with composite fittings supplied by an approved vendor are considered a permitted Builders Specification change.

6. Can I change the spinnaker pole bridles to synthetic line?

Yes, wire bridles/trip line may be replaced with Spectra or its equivalent. This is a Builders Specification change.

7. Can I replace the cabin windows?

Yes, this is an approved change to the Builders Specification, substituting framed window for flat Lexan. Reduces chance for leaks. Reduces maintenance.

8. Is a two-speed mainsheet system permitted?

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not an addition that is permitted.

9. What material can I use to replace cabin sole?

When replacing standard teak and holly cabin sole, it must be replaced with similar material of the same dimensions as the original Builders Specification.

10. Is a jib barber hauler permitted?

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not an addition that is permitted.

11. Can I change the bow cleat to a mooring eye?

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not a change that is permitted in the Builder Specification.

12. Can I change my rigging to Dyform?

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not a change that is permitted. The Builders Specification is 316 1x19.

13. Are electronic compasses like the Tacktick permitted?

Yes, as described in CR 6.1, electronic compasses are permitted.

14. Can I use a speed puck or other GPS device to measure speed?

Yes, CR 5.9 allows electronic devices to measure speed.

15. Can I use a ProStart or similar device that gives me time and distance to the starting line?

No, as discussed in CR 1.2 and 1.3, the calculation functions available with this type of device are not explicitly stated or specifically permitted within the Class Rules.

16. Is a Velscaf mast with a flat mast base legal for the J/22?

Yes. Velscaf Spars have been approved by J/Boats. These new spars do not include the standard mast base with exit blocks for halyards and topping lift. The new spar has a flat plate at the bottom of the spar and exit holes for the halyard tails. This design mast step has been reviewed and approved by the J/22 Technical Committee, and is approved for use in all J/22 Class events, with the following provisions:

1. No halyard or topping lift may be cleated on the mast spar itself.
2. Only the attachment end of any halyard or topping lift may exit from above the gooseneck fitting on the mast.

17. Is it allowed to have a J/22 mast base plate with holes that are larger than the pins that were delivered with the boat originally or to have a slot instead of holes where the mast base plate pins are inserted?

No. The mast plate must have circular holes for the mast base plate pins, and the holes must be no larger than the pin circumference, so that the pins just fit into the mast base plate. There should be no possibility of the mast moving up and down on the mast base plate once properly attached.