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During the 2008 editions of the Western Hemisphere and European Championships the measurers discovered widespread non compliance of rudders. The problem involved new as well as old production rudders.

It was difficult to understand the reasons for this non compliance. Following a very broad investigation which included the report and most helpful considerations of Commodore Pedro Garra, the Rules Committee determined the following:

1. Due to a an error of omission in the printing of the last two versions of the Rule Book and Measurement Sheet the tolerance for the position of the center of the radius of the bottom of the blade had been overlooked in the measurement process. The error has been corrected reintroducing the tolerance(see enclosed updated drawing)
2. Certain rudders are built so that the forward edge of the rudder head does not present a clearly defined straight edge which can be used as a reference to establish its parallel position with respect to the transom or the pintles are not fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom. This renders an otherwise legal blade illegal when it is set upon the template.

The Rules Committee wishes to avoid any possible uncertainties in measuring rudders by confirming the present rules and drawing particular attention to the formal reinstatement of the aforementioned tolerance regarding the position of the center of the radius at the bottom of the rudder blade. The front edge of the rudder above the water line shall be parallel to the transom between the knuckle and sheer. The pintles shall be fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom.

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