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## Notice of Class Rule Change and Class Q&As from the CBA Technical Committee

### Class Rule Change

**The class rules regarding centreplates have been changed as follows.**

**7.21.** The centre plate lifting tackle shall comprise two only wooden blocks, one attached to the forward end immediately **aft** of the centre plate case stop, the other block attached to the single purchase cable or chain strop **and it shall not exceed 6:1 purchase.**

**In normal operation, the centre plate must be adjustable to be flush with the keel.**

The full proposal and rationale can be found here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15XyW79ZWDZ-BzIHmOu93o2fneCBYsyA6/view?usp=sharing>

### Couta Questions

The Technical Committee met recently and answered various questions that had been put to it as follows:

#### Question 1

**What are the restrictions on the use of Multiple No. 1 Jibs?**

#### Answer 1

Only one No. 1 Jib shall be carried aboard a boat.

Light and heavy Jibs are not allowed [Class rule 12.21](#)

#### Recommendation regarding Jibs

If racing Jibs are changed, recommended that Organising Authorities require notification of change and Handicap Adjustment each time is .005 plus any other adjustments

If changed to a tired and worn Jib that has been inspected and classified that way by the TC, recommend no handicap adjustment.

**Further comment:** Various options around allowing carrying more jibs were discussed. One idea was to allow two on the boat but only one can be used for racing each day.

#### Question 2

**Is the rigging used for the strop on span of gaff restricted?**

#### Answer 2

Gaff span and Halyard stop maybe high modulus rope or wire , pulleys or rings may be used. [Class rule 11 preamble notes](#) General class rule restrictions still apply.

#### Question 3

**What are the restrictions on centre plate finishes?**

#### Answer 3

Centre plates are not restricted in their finish, they may be milled or ground and there are no specific class restrictions on finishes Class rules [7.17 to 7.21](#) - See [RRS 53](#) for Skin Friction restrictions

#### Question 4

**Are there restrictions on sails being cross cut or radial cut?**

#### Answer 4

No - But they must be measured by the class measurer [Class rule 12.28](#)

#### **Question 5**

**What are the ballast requirements for a Couta Boat?**

#### **Answer 5**

No amount of ballast is specified however she shall float to her water lines as described in [Class rule 13.3](#)

The class rule also requires that ballast not be changed after the first race of the season

#### **Question 6**

**What are the most recent dispensations issued by the committee?**

#### **Answer 6**

To facilitate competition, and return from the Nationals, all boats that travelled by road to the event were permitted to remove ballast and mains from booms for the purpose of transport in contravention of rules. See [Class rule 12.1](#) and [Class rule 13.5](#)