

1. AIRX 650

We have been advised by Bainbridge that they do not recommend AIRX 650 for J/105 spinnakers since the cloth was designed for the classes with 40 gram minimum weight rather than our 42 gram minimum weight. Almost all AIRX 650 is under the 42 gram minimum. It will be presumed by the Class that AIRX 650 is illegal for J/105 class spinnakers. For any sails claiming "42 gram AIRX 650", we will require documentation from the manufacturer that the cloth used is from a lot that is legal weight. In two cases to date, spinnakers were recalled and replaced because they were made from underweight AIRX 650 lots.

2. Sail Royalty Registration Forms

Rule Interpretation RI-02-07 states "The sail is not class legal and cannot be used in class racing until the certificate is provided [as required in Rule 6.9]." There are a large number of sail tags for which no Registration Certificate has ever been returned to the Class Secretary. Sail tag registrations are now on-line for class member and measurer inspection. Please return all Registration Forms and make sure that the delivery date is accurate, especially at the transition from one calendar year to the next.

3. Measurement of Sails

Sails must be measured. They must be within the limits set by the Rules. We have numerous Registration forms for spinnakers that measure 77.25 square meters. We have had numerous Registration Forms which have exactly the same numbers down to the mm for many different sails. Please note that the forms "shall be signed by a person authorized by the Executive Committee." We have given blanket authorization to USS measurers, but the Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw such authorization if the sails appear not to be measured, or if we remeasure and find that the sails are not legal J/105 sails.

4. New Registration Form

Starting 7/1/02 the sail rules change to be compatible with the Equipment Rules of Sailing. There is a new Registration Form that may be downloaded immediately, but it will be required after 7/1/02. Please download it from www.j105.org/sailmaker/.

If you have questions about any of these issues, please feel free to e-mail me or call me at 401-783-6727.

Thanks,
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