



# SB20 World Championships 2024

## Notice to Competitors

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**Q&0A 2\_ Use of the Bowsprit**

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**Notice:**

**Clarification of the expression 'in the act of being set' in Class Rule C.9.8 (a)(1), Use of the Bowprit.**

The text below does not change CR C.9.8 (a)

For the 2024 SB20 World Championship the umpires and the international jury will consider that a spinnaker is 'in the act of being set' when the crew is engaged in a continuous sequence of necessary actions to set the spinnaker. This implies that the process is ongoing, emphasizing the fluid and connected nature of the actions involved in setting the spinnaker. If these actions are interrupted or unduly delayed, then the spinnaker will not be 'in the act of being set' any more and if the bowsprit is not retracted the boat will break Class rule C.9.8.(a)(1).

Note that a bowsprit that is extended when the spinnaker is not set or in the act of being set or recovered, will be deemed not in its normal position. In such cases, the bowsprit will not be taken into account when determining if boats are overlapped.

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