



21st Royal.Langkawi International Question for Officials

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Question For: Technical Committee

Question:

Refer to the IRC Class Rules,

1. what is the different in between Spinnaker and flying headsails?
2. Tcc non spinnaker, means what? No spinnaker and gennaker onboard? Or sailing without using any of them?

Answer:

A full copy of the 2024 IRC Rule is available at https://ircrating.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/IRC2024_Rule.pdf

To answer your questions.....

A Flying Headsail is defined as:

A sail set flying tacked down forward of the forestay that does not meet the definition of spinnaker and without battens and with a half width (measured as a spinnaker) equal to or greater than 60% of foot length. A flying headsail shall be tacked down no greater than STLFHmax and approximately on the boat's centreline, except when it is tacked on a declared articulating bowsprit. A flying headsail may be entirely furled but shall not be set reefed while racing.

A Spinnaker is defined as: A spinnaker is defined as a sail set forward of the foremost mast spar with half width (measured as a spinnaker) equal to or greater than 75% of foot length and without battens. A spinnaker may be set reefed by any means while racing under IRC provided that when measured in any reefed condition it continues to satisfy the IRC definition of a spinnaker.

On IRC certificates for all boats rated to carry spinnakers (see Rule 21.6), a non spinnaker TCC is also printed. The non spinnaker TCC shall be valid only for races for which the Notice of Race includes a non spinnaker division or class. Owners shall declare their intention to enter such a non spinnaker class using the non spinnaker TCC a minimum of seven days before the race, or first race if a series of races, and shall not then be permitted to race using a spinnaker for the race or races.

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