

2025 LIPTON CHALLENGE

Question & Answer Service - 04

Question 1:

Are you allowed to attach the tweaker or any other line to the clew of the jib to lead it further outboard or inboard than the jib sheets can do?

Answer 1:

No. The class rules specify that only the jib sheets shall be attached to the clew of the jib. The J/22 International Class Rules are ***Closed Class Rules***, meaning if it does not specifically say that you may, then you shall not.

Class Rule C.9.8(a)(ix): *"The jibs sheets shall be led to turning blocks on the jib cars. Purchase shall be 1:1 or 2:1."*

C.10.5(a)(iii) (Jib Limitations): *"The clew shall be attached to the jib sheets."*

Equipment Rules of Sailing defines a Sheet as *"Rigging used to trim the clew of a sail, or a boom spar."*

Rules: Class Rule C.9.8(a)(ix), C.10.5(a)(iii) and ERS F1.7(b)(vi)

Question 2:

If the above answer is no, can you use your arm to do this?

Answer 2:

Yes. RRS 55.3 states "No sail shall be sheeted over or through any device that exerts outward pressure on a sheet." No part of a persons body is a 'device'. It is therefore permissible for a competitor to hold a sheet outboard, provided that rule 49 (as modified by class rule 2.2(a)) is complied with.

Rules: World Sailing Case 4 & Class rule 2.2(a)

This Q&A is a class rule interpretation only - unless explicitly stated, no other rules or regulations were considered.

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