

2026 LIPTON CHALLENGE CUP

Question & Answer Service – 2026.10

Question 1:

There seems to be some ambiguity between the Lipton Cup safety requirements and SA Sailing controlled event status where some requirements cannot be relaxed through a controlled event.

1. SA sailing alternatively SAMSA requires number 32. Require 5m of chain and 100meters of rope.

The J22 class rules are different.

Under the can this be relaxed for a control event, the remark is no.

2. Space blankets, has this been relaxed?

Can the Lipton Trustees, supply a list that is clear to all competitors, so we all meet the safety requirements without interpretation.

Answer 1:

At 16:20 on 24 August, a document titled "J22 Self Scrutineering List – Lipton Cup 2026" was uploaded to the Lipton Cup ONB. The Technical Committee compiled this document to provide a clear list of safety requirements for the Lipton Cup.

For ease of reference, the document can be found attached to this Q&A.



SCRUTINEERING CHECK LIST - LIPTON CUP 2026

DATE:		
RULE NO	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED WHILE RACING, AS PER THE CLASS RULES	Confirmation Y/N
C.5.1 (a) (i)	At least one fixed (if the mount for the device is fixed to the mast or hull, it satisfies this requirement) device without external batteries to deliver either a magnetic compass heading or course over the ground. This device shall not include charting capabilities.	
C.5.1 (a) (ii)	One manual bilge pump.	
C.5.1 (a) (iii)	One anchor with or without chain of combined minimum weight of 5kg with 30 m of non-floating warp having a minimum diameter of 8mm. When carried, the anchor, chain and warp shall be secured together ready for use and shall not be stowed on or under the cabin sole over the ballast keel. The minimum weight of the anchor shall be 3 kg and the maximum weight of the chain shall not exceed 4kg. See "Additional Local Requirements" below.	
C.5.1 (a) (iv)	One foghorn	
C.5.1 (a) (v)	One bucket with minimum 9-litre capacity with attached lanyard.	
C.5.1 (a) (vi)	Personal Flotation Device for each crew member	
C.5.1 (a) (vii)	A marine first aid kit and manual	
C.5.1 (a) (viii)	Code B Flag	
C.5.1 (a) (ix)	A copy of the current Racing Rules of Sailing.	
C.5.1 (b) (i)	One paddle not less than 1200mm in length when fully extended.	
C.5.1 (b) (ii)	A tow line of least 19 meters in length and at least 6mm in diameter. The anchor line, mainsheet, jib, spinnaker sheets, shall not be used to satisfy this rule.	
C.5.1 (b) (iii)	Any local or government mandated safety equipment. (Refer to controlled event approval for exemptions and relaxation of requirements.)	
	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS PER CLASS RULES	
B.2.2	All sails to have official measurers stamp and sewn royalty labels	
	No major work/ hull repairs since last official measurement	
B.3.1	A copy of the boats current Measurement form shall be always carried while racing.	
C.6.2	Measurement hull & corrector weights in correct place & fixed to bulkhead	
F. 7.1	Mainsail halyard synthetic rope not less than 6mm dia.	
F. 7.1	Main sheet of not less than 8mm/maximum 4:1 power ratio — strop not allowed.	
F. 7.1	Jib halyard synthetic rope not less than 6mm	
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F. 7.1	Spinnaker halyard synthetic rope not less than 6mm.	
F.7.1	Spinnaker sheet and guy synthetic rope not less than 8mm	
C.2.10(a) & G.1.1	Not carrying more than one main sail, two spinnakers (See NOC&SI 6.4 for conditions) and one jib.	
C.5.1 (b) (iii)	ADDITIONAL LOCAL REQUIREMENTS (AS MANDATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY).	
	Two space blankets	
	If an outboard motor is carried, then a Fire Extinguisher (Minimum 1 kg) is required	
	Minimum 1 litre fresh emergency water per crew member	
	Ground tackle as mandated by SAMSA – chain length 5m min, rope length 100m min.	

Name of Yacht

Sail Number

Bow Number

Signature - Owner/Helmsman

Signature - Measurer