

## RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR 2012 RULES

### 1. Organisation

- 1.1 The RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR is overseen by the RC 44 Class Association ("CA"). The CA appoints Yacht Clubs, Marinas or Event Agencies to organize and fund the RC 44 Regattas. The Class Office coordinates the organization of the Events with the Organizer appointed by the CA.
- 1.2 The RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR is an annual competition of 5 official CA Events listed in Clause 2 of these rules.
- 1.3 The Organizer shall sign the Event Agreement with the CA and follow the Event guidelines and regulations issued by the CA, including Event Communication Briefing, Sponsorship Regulations and any and all other regulations issued by the CA in respect of the Event organization.
- 1.4 The boat sailed for the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR is the RC 44 One Design. The participants are duly paid members of the CA and are bound by the Class Rules, the Class Constitution, The RC 44 Championship Tour 2012 Rules (and associated branding rules) and the RC 44 standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. In particular, Class Rules Section C helmsman, crew, sails and material regulations apply.

### 2. Official Events Schedule

#### 2.1 Official 2012 events schedule

February 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Puerto Calero	ESP
March 28 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cascais	POR
May 30 <sup>th</sup> - June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gmunden	AUT
July 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marstrand	SWE
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rovinj	CRO

In case an event should be cancelled, the class office shall sanction an alternative venue.

The event number 5 will be the RC44 World Championship

#### 2.2 Standard event schedule

Day 1	match race
Day 2 to 5	fleet race

### 3. Entries

3.1 The RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR competitors shall comply with the following requirements:

- Pay the annual Class membership fee and Sail stickers' fee before the 1<sup>st</sup> regatta of the current year. In case an owner buys a boat during the season, the annual membership fee shall be paid before his 1<sup>st</sup> race.
- Comply with any and all Class regulations, including Class Rules, Class Constitution and RC 44 Championship Tour 2012 Rules.
- Be eligible in accordance with ISAF Eligibility Code (ISAF Regulation Art. 19).
- Register the crew and driver(s) on the ISAF website and get an ISAF category certificate for each crew. The crew list shall be submitted to CA 3 weeks before each event.
- Pay the measurement fee, have a valid One Design measurement certificate and pro-actively maintain the One Design integrity of their boat.

3.2 All RC 44 boats holding a valid measurement certificate are automatically registered in the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR. Boat owners who wish not to compete in the Championship shall inform the Class office in writing, in order not to be classified. For each event, whether the boat is sailed by the owner, a substitute owner according to CR C.2 or chartered to another owner and/or team, the helmsman and his team shall comply with Class Rules C.2.

3.3 The CA Executive Committee may review a competitor's ISAF classification if its classification is clearly not in line with his actual sailing and professional activities. Additionally, the CA Executive Committee may grant special dispensation to Class Rule C.2.4 when a majority of Owners present at an Event vote to allow a change.

3.4 There will be a full crew weigh-in before the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the season and before the World Championship. The weight of all the crew members will be registered by the CA. The owner doesn't need to weigh-in at the Worlds. If there is a crew change during the season, the team, according to the registered weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight. A new team joining the Tour during the season shall weigh-in before its 1<sup>st</sup> race.

### 4. On board Hospitality

4.1 On board Hospitality approval:

All owners taking part in the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR agree to allow media guests on board during the series (no more than one person per boat per race). For each start, either all boats competing in the race shall carry a guest or no boat shall carry a guest.

4.2 Hospitality Coordination:

The Organizer shall appoint one Hospitality Coordinator to manage the hospitality program, including spectator boats and on board hospitality. It is the responsibility of the Organizer to adopt appropriate safety facilities in order to transfer guests on and off the boats and to ensure that their sailing experience is safe, including the requirement to wear buoyancy aids if deemed appropriate.

4.3 Allocation of on board slots:

On board slots shall be allocated by the Hospitality Coordinator, in cooperation and consultation with the Class event coordinator.

Owners who intend to invite guests shall liaise with the Class Office and pre-book their slots when sending the event entry form. Seven (7) days before the event starts, owner shall confirm their guest (name and date). The Class Office may not confirm team guests after this date. Slots not used by a team may be allocated to another team.

Slots shall be allocated as described below:

1/3 for the Teams guests

1/3 for the Class Office guest

1/3 for the local organizer guests

Entry form will specify the number of slots available for each team. This number shall not be less than three (3).

- 4.4 The Race Committee may advise that no guests shall be carried onboard if there is a risk of more than 20 knots of wind, if the waves are greater than 1 meter in height or if there is any safety issue related to the boats or guests.

## 5. Scoring system

### 5.1 Event classification:

5.1.1 For each Event, one Fleet Racing ranking and one Match Racing ranking shall be issued by the Organizer. In the RC 44 scoring system, the points are attributed to a Team. A Team is composed by an owner who will organize his crew. A Team can sail on different boats.

5.1.2 Fleet Racing series: standard ISAF "low point system" RRS A4 shall apply. In case of a tie, RRS A8 shall apply.

5.1.3 The long distance race, if any, is part of the fleet racing series.

5.1.4 Match Racing series: PRO and CU will put together an continuous Annual Round that will be used all the season long. The Annual Round pairing list will be updated for each event to match the number of entries. The scoring is the total of the points, deduction points included, accumulated in the valid races of all the events nominated by the Championship Tour 2012.

### 5.2 RC 44 Fleet Racing CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Annual ranking

5.2.1 After each regatta, each Team will receive the number of points corresponding to their final Fleet Race ranking in the regatta. The final ranking will be a sum of all the points collected during the 5 events of the 2012 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR, with one discard.

5.2.2 A team who is not taking part in an event shall receive the following number of points: number of registered boats + 2.

5.2.3 The Class Office will issue the official RC 44 Fleet Racing CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Annual ranking after each regatta, by addition of the points gained by each team according to 5.2.1.

5.2.4 In case of a tie, the World Championship result will break the tie.

5.2.5 After the last Official Event, the Class office will issue a final RC 44 Fleet racing CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Annual ranking. The team with the lowest score will be the Fleet Race winner of the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR.

### 5.3 RC 44 Match Racing CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Annual ranking

5.3.1 The scoring is the total of the points, deduction points included, accumulated in the valid races of all the events nominated by the Championship Tour 2012.

5.3.2 A team who is not taking part in an event will not be included in the event pairing list and won't receive any points for that particular event.

5.3.3 The rule to break the ties will be specified in the SI.

**6. Award**

- 6.1 The Boat winning the RC 44 Fleet Racing CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Annual ranking shall use two golden steering wheels. The two golden steering wheels shall be provided by CA and maintained by the leading team.
- 6.2 The final prize giving will take place during the last Event of the season.

**7. Safety**

- 7.1 Wind limit:  
No starting procedure shall commence if the wind is stronger than 25 knots for a constant period of five minutes. This rule shall not be protestable by competitors.
- 7.2 Life jackets:  
All competitors shall carry life jackets onboard their boat at all times when racing and shall wear them when code Flag Y is displayed on the Race Committee boat.
- 7.3 The competitors shall carry on board the safety equipment listed in Class Rules C.4 and C.6 and maintain it in good order. The Class and the Organizer may check this material at any time before, during or after the races.
- 7.4 The competitors shall carry on board handheld marine VHF. This VHF shall be fully operational anytime during the racing days.
- 7.5 All the teams racing under those rules shall use the RC44 One Design Match Racing Gennaker for the Match Racing Series. For the Match Racing Gennaker design, see Appendix 5.
- 7.6 All the teams racing under those rules shall have the RC44 One Design Heavy Gennaker on board at all time. For avoidance of doubt, the Heavy Gennaker is part of the standard set of sail and can be used during the Match Racing Series and Fleet Racing Series. The SI will define when and how this sail will be used. For the Heavy Gennaker design, see Appendix 5.
- 7.7 The old mainsail (from 2011 or before) will be used during the Match Racing series of the three first event of the season.

**8. Branding**

- 8.1 Team, Class and Organizer signage:  
The branding on boats shall be placed in accordance with Appendix 1, 2 and 3.  
It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure that his material is branded according the Class regulations, as per Appendix 4.  
The CA Executive Committee may change the branding displayed in the Appendix 1, 2 and 3, upon confirmation of Class Sponsorship and provided that a majority of owners vote to allow the change.
- 8.2 Any breach of rule 8 may be reported to the Jury, who will consult the CA and shall advise the boat to apply the rule or penalize her. A second breach of the rule may lead to the exclusion of the boat from the Event. Additional breaches of the rule may lead to the exclusion of the boat from the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR.
- 8.3 The class sponsor branding, according to Appendix 1, 2 and 3, including stickers, flags, boom cover, will be provided by CA. The competitors shall be responsible to keep them clean and tidy, as per Appendix 4.

**9. Communication**

- 9.1 Each Team shall participate in the communication and promotional events, as requested by the Organizer including prize giving ceremonies. At least one member of each team shall attend the press conferences, briefings and Event public conferences when requested by the Organizer.
- 9.3 During the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR, boats may be requested to carry a GPS antenna or a camera provided by the Organizer. The GPS antenna or cameras enable the transfer of necessary performance information for media and spectator viewing ashore. Teams are responsible for any material provided by the Organizer or the CA.

**10. Rules modification**

The current annual rules shall not be modified between the first regatta and the final prize giving ceremony unless by unanimous vote by the Executive Committee. This rule doesn't apply for: rule 2; 3.3 and 8.1.

**11. Jury and Sailing Instructions**

- 11.1 Umpiring and Sailing Instructions:  
The Jury shall be composed according to RRS and the Event Agreement between the Class and the Organiser. Standard RC 44 Sailing instructions shall be used for the Fleet Racing series and the Match Racing series. The Fleet Racing SI specifies that direct umpiring may apply.
- 11.2 RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR Rules argument:  
Issues regarding the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR rules shall be sent in writing to the Class Office. The Executive Committee of the Class will study the request and provide the competitors with an official answer.
- 11.2 By taking part in the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR, an owner commits himself to use no other rights of appeal other than those described in the ISAF RRS and the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR 2012 Rules.

**12. Logistic and assistance**

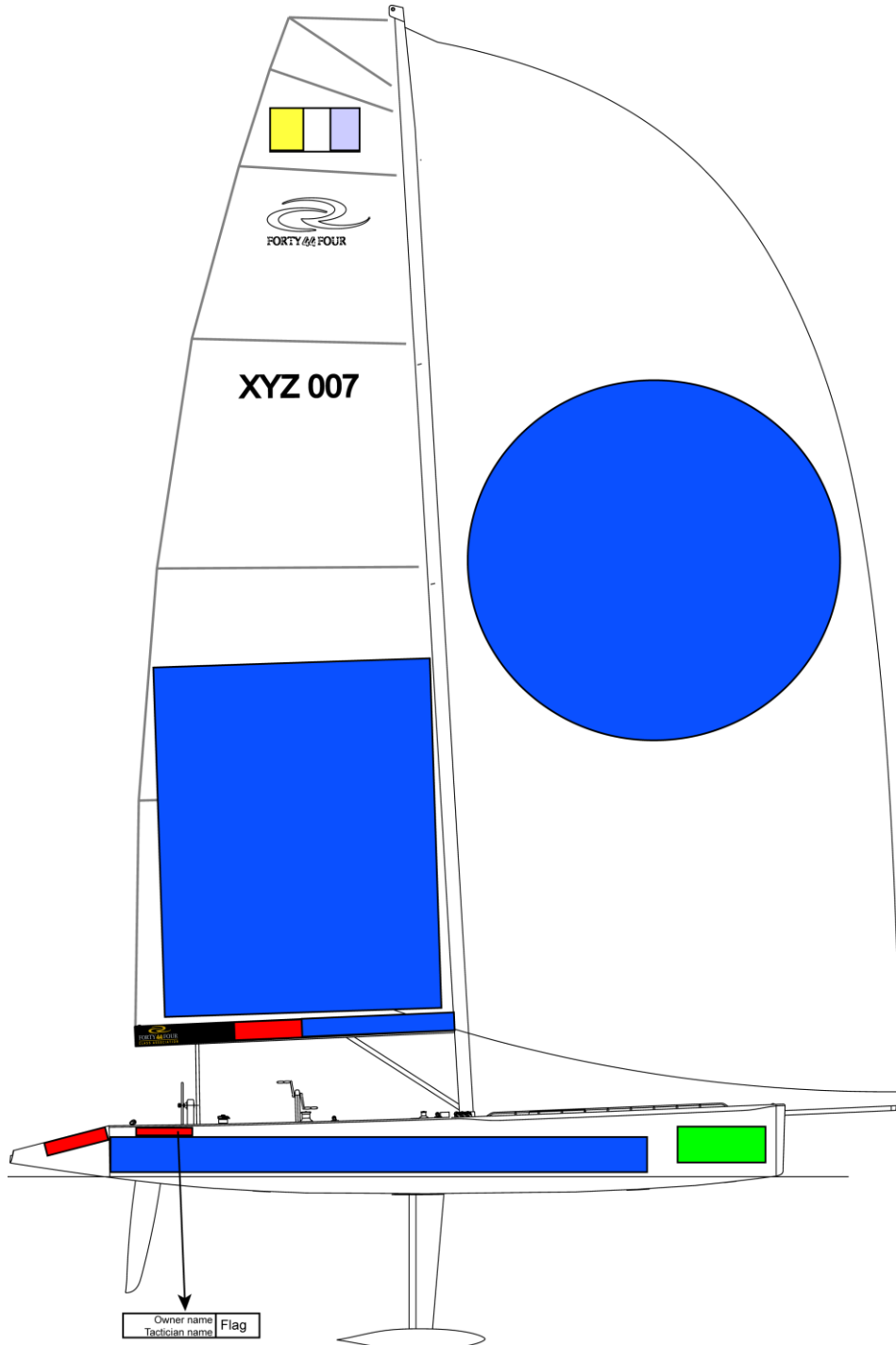
- 12.1 Team container bigger than standard 20' box high cube are not allowed.
- 12.2 No more than one chase boat per team is allowed. There shall be no weather devices on board.
- 12.3 Diving to clean the hull between races during a sailing day is forbidden.

**13. Insurance and disclaimer of liability**

- 13.1 For all Events, the boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.
- 13.2 It is the owner's responsibility to provide insurance for his boat, including all land and sea transportation.
- 13.3 Competitors participate in the Events and in the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, race officials, umpires and the CA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Events and the RC 44 CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR.

**Appendix 1: Afloat branding**  
**Signage dimension and position**

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#### TEAM Sponsors

- Hull: position starting 300 cm aft the bow joint, to the spoiler joint.
- Mainsail: dimension 490 x 600 cm, position from the boom upwards.
- Gennakers: dimension 40 m<sup>2</sup> (i.e. 25% of the sail area) position free shape.
- Boom: dimension 250 x 25 cm, position front half part.
- No restrictions on the cockpit top sides, from the pit to the steering wheel.
- No restrictions on crew branding.
- National flag: dimension 160 x 80 cm, position: 10 cm above batten 4 and 70 cm from the leech on both sides. Nationality of the flag is at the owner's discretion.

#### VENUE Sponsors

- Bow: dimension 150 x 80 cm, position 10 cm from the bow joint and 20 cm above the waterline.

#### CLASS Sponsors

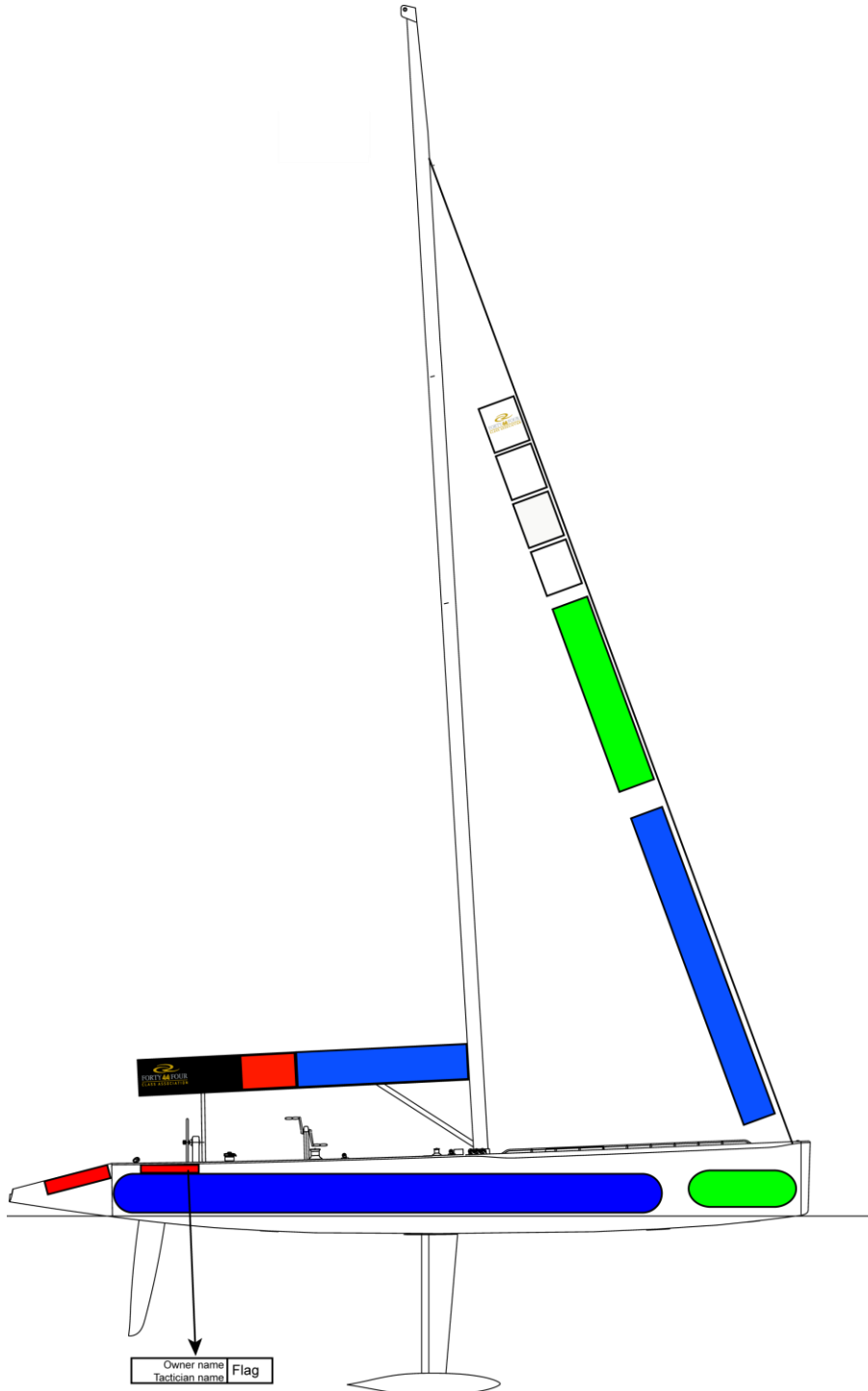
- Boom: dimension 250 x 25 cm, position aft half part.
- Spoiler (internal and external top sides).

#### CLEAR areas – not for use

- Mast
- Appendages
- Headsails
- Backstays
- Any area not mentioned above

**Appendix 2: Ashore branding**  
**Signage position and dimension**

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**TEAM Sponsors - Team flags overall area 50 x 700 cm**

- Forestay flags: overall dimension 80 x 700 cm, position 100 cm from the genoa tack fitting.
- Boom cover: dimension 200 x 40 cm, position 10 cm from the boom cover front edge.
- Hull and cockpit: as per Appendix 1

**VENUE Sponsors – Organiser flags overall area 50 x 400 cm**

- Forestay flags: overall dimension 80 x 400 cm, position 800 cm from the genoa tack fitting (i.e. above Team Flags).
- Bow: as per appendix 1.

**CLASS Sponsors – Class flags overall area 50 x 400 cm**

- Forestay flags: overall dimension 80 x 400 cm, position 1200 cm from the genoa tack fitting (i.e. above Organiser Flags).
- Boom cover: dimension 200 x 40 cm, position 10 cm from the boom cover aft edge.

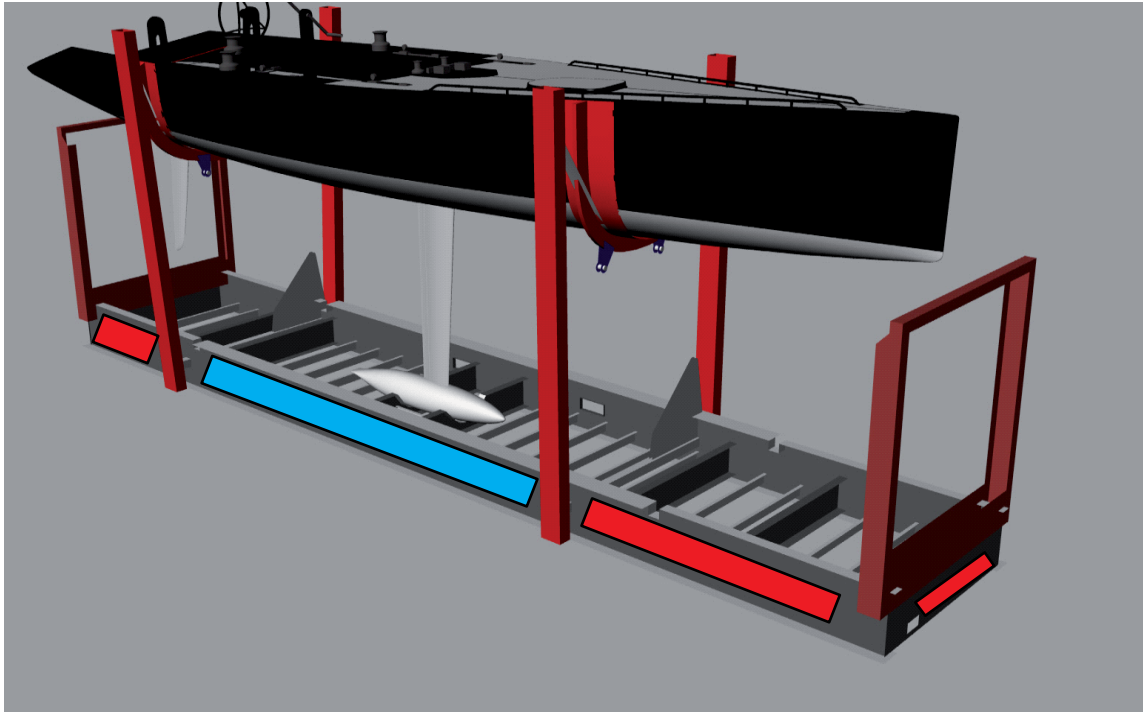
**CLEAR areas – not for use**

- Mast
- Backstays
- Any area not mentioned above

### Appendix 3: container branding

#### Signage position and dimension

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#### Container colours:

The standard container colour shall be black.

The standard container soft cover colour shall be light grey.

#### TEAM Sponsors

- Area situated between the two main arms of the container, on both sides. (500 X 45 cm).

#### CLASS Sponsors

- Area situated between the front main arm and the front side of the container. (230 X 45 cm).
- Area situated between the aft main arm and the aft side of the container. (150 X 45 cm).

#### CLEAR areas – not for use

- Container top
- Container front
- Container arms
- Any area not mentioned above

#### **Appendix 4: Owners and Skippers liability**

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- Teams are responsible to comply with the sponsorship and signage regulations contained in the RC 44 Championship Tour 2012 Rules and any and all regulations issued by the Class.
- Teams may submit a diagram of their Branding layout to the CA for approval.
- Branding shall be kept in a clean and tidy condition and stickers shall be properly applied and maintained. Teams shall maintain the marketing material provided by the Class and the Organiser.
- Competitors attention is drawn to rule 8 and Appendix 1-3: if the branding does not comply with the Class regulations:
  - the Jury may be notified and may apply a penalty to any non complying boat
- the Class Office may penalize any non complying boat
- Competitors shall maintain their container ID number as per international shipping regulations and regularly verify the validity of their container certification.

## Appendix 5: One Design Match Racing & Heavy Gennaker

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1.1. The construction shall be: sail, single ply sail each type of sail to be built to identical specifications by specified by RC44 Class authority. No changes to shape, fabric, fittings, corners or dimensions are permitted.

For clarification:

1.2. The body of the sail shall consist only of woven ply. Primary reinforcement may include other materials.

1.3. The following are permitted: Stitching, glues, webbing, woven tapes, corner eyes, corner rings, camber bands, sailmakers labels are permitted by the ISAF, sail numbers and national letters, ICA labels, tell tales, leech lines, luff lines, foot lines, retriever patches and certification mark.

2. Dimensions:

A. Match racing spinnaker dimensions: within production variations and measurement condition range:

	Minimum	Maximum
Luff lengths	20.800 m	21.000 m
Leech lengths	18.300 m	18.500 m
Foot length	10.800 m	11.000 m
Half width	10.30m	10.500 m
Cloth weight approx	46g/m <sup>2</sup> , Nylon fabric	

B. Heavy spinnaker dimensions: within production variations and measurement condition range:

	Minimum	Maximum
Luff lengths	21.000 m	21.100 m
Leech lengths	17.500 m	17.600 m
Foot length	9.400 m	9.500 m
Half width	8.510m	8.610 m
Cloth weight approx	56g/m <sup>2</sup> , Polyester fabric	