



J/80 Class Rule C.8.3(b) (Bowsprit) Guidance

THIS PAPER IS INTENDED AS A GUIDE TO JUDGES AND SAILORS

J/80 Class Rule, Section C – Conditions for Racing

C.8.3 BOWSPRIT

(b) Use

- (i) When retracted, the forward end shall not extend more than 76mm forward of the hull.
- (ii) To extend the bowsprit a boat shall be in the process of either a continuous hoist, flying or a continuous retrieval of the gennaker. At all other times the bowsprit shall be retracted and comply with C.8.3(b)(i).

PRINCIPLE:

The judges will give sailors the benefit of the doubt, however, when they are sure a sailor is breaking this rule, they will act to protect the sailors that are complying with the rule.

Windward Mark:

1. Once the bowsprit is extended, the crew must be actively engaged in the process of hoisting the spinnaker. There should be noticeable movement of the spinnaker tack line and/or the halyard with the sail coming out of storage.
2. A brief interruption of the hoist to resolve a problem with the hoist is acceptable. But if resolving the problem is not brief, the pole must be retracted until the problem is resolved.

Leeward Mark:

1. Once the crew begins to retrieve the spinnaker, they cannot stop/hesitate while the bowsprit is extended.
2. With the bowsprit extended, there should be noticeable movement of the spinnaker being brought down with the sail returning to storage. A brief interruption in the retrieval of the gennaker to resolve a problem with the retrieval is acceptable. But if the interruption is not brief, the bowsprit must be retracted.
3. If the gennaker is luffing, continuous retrieval includes active efforts by the crew to gain control of the sail.
4. The retrieval of the gennaker is considered complete when most of the gennaker is under control, and the head of the spinnaker is below the boom. Storing the gennaker after lowering it is not considered to be part of the retrieval.

Extension of a retracted pole:

