



Sydney 38 One Design Class Rules Interpretations

1. Is it permissible to install a kelp cutter into the leading edge of the keel? No. As per Class Rules A2.1d, D2.1b, D12.1 and Rules pre-amble
2. Is it permissible to fair in the gap between the sail drive leg and the hull? No. As per Class Rules D12.1, D2.1b
3. Is it permissible to fair in the propeller bolt heads? No. As per Class Rules D12.1, D2.1b
4. Is it permissible to change the main compass for a different type? Yes. The compass must meet the specifications in the ISAF Special Regulations for Category 4.
5. Can a deck prism be installed on deck to view the rudder window? No. As per Class Rule D12.1, D2.1b
6. Is it permissible to remove the bunk cushions for distance races? No. As per Class Rules D12.1 and D9.1
7. Is it permissible to fair the hull below the waterline i.e. long board the hull? No. As per Class Rules D2.1b, D12.1 and Rules pre-amble. A long-board is a sanding device designed for the specific purpose of fairing surface imperfections as opposed to sanding for preparation for painting or to improve the finished painted surface finish.
8. Is it permissible to remove any molded surface, except light sanding in preparation for painting? No As per Class Rule D2.1b, D12.1 and Rules pre-amble.
9. Is it permissible to use a storm jib as a staysail for designated distance races, or when the Sailing Instructions require a yacht to carry a storm jib? Yes
10. Is it permissible to use class approved and measured components that were not originally supplied and installed on the boat in question, including but not limited to keel, rudders and spars? No. As per Class Rules C4.2, D2.1b, D3.1, D4.1, D5.2 D7.1, D9.1, D12.1 If any boat component is changed, the One Design Certificate will be invalidated until the boat is recertified B7.2d.
11. Is it permissible to mount the antenna for the VHF radio inside the boat? Yes. The VHF antenna location is not specified in either the Sydney 38 Class Rules or in the ISAF Special Regulations Category 4. Local regulations governing VHF antennas and documentation for regattas that are not Category 4 should be checked to make sure boats are in compliance.
12. Is it permissible to race One Design with the gas bottle attached to the stove while racing? While racing under ISAF Special Regulations Category 4, the gas bottles may be stored in a watertight container underneath the stove. While racing under ISAF Special Regulations Category 0-3, the gas bottles must be attached to the stove.

13. Can I chamfer or in any way alter the trailing edges of the keel fin and rudder foil to reduce turbulence? No, according to Class Rules D3.1, D4.1, the trailing edges should be as supplied from the builder.
14. How much paint and sanding may be done to the underwater surfaces? As per Class Rules D2.1b, D3.1, D4.1, D12.1, the underwater surfaces may be lightly sanded and shall be painted with a normal paint system. Any sanding shall not remove any moulded surface or metal surface except light sanding in normal preparation for painting. No long board (fairing) sanding shall be permitted. Any paint applied as per Class Rule D12.1 shall not be beyond the normal numbers of coats required for painting the underwater surface. Excessive application of paint build up with the purpose of fairing the coatings is not permitted.
15. Is it permissible to change the turnbuckle headstay pressure during a race? No. According to Class Rule D5.10c
16. What is the length of time, after a sail has been registered on the boat's inventory, in which it can be deemed useless due to a defect in construction or material? As per Class Rule D6.2b, D6.2e, sails damaged beyond repair at a regatta may be replaced at the discretion of the Class representative. If a manufacturing or material defect exists, documentation from the manufacturer must be provided, and no more than one or two events may be raced using that sail, depending on the conditions at those events, and at the discretion of the Class representative.
17. Is it permissible to add a jib cunningham? No. As per Class Rule D6.3b.
18. An event Notice-of-Race specifies a crew weight limitation for a rated class in which the Sydney 38s are competing, does the N.O.R. crew weight apply or the Class crew weight limit (Class Rule D10.1) apply? The N.O.R. crew limit applies as per Class Rule E1.1, which may be greater than the Class Rule weight limit.
19. Many owners only do bottom antifouling paint once per year, which is rubbed off through the season. How much paint must remain on the boat for this to be achieved? Class Rule D12.1 states all underwater surfaces shall be painted however some localized sand throughs are permitted during the course of normal seasonal rubbing.
20. Can the standing rig be adjusted during a passage race to remain competitive with a rated fleet in varying conditions? No. As per Class Rule D5.10 c), note; current Rating rules do not allow the adjustment of standing rigging whilst racing.
21. Can an owner get access to the class templates to check the foils of a boat at any time? No, the templates are used to ensure compliance to class rule tolerances exclusively by the factory staff at Azzura Yachts.
A boat owner shall pay any cost associated with requests to check the tolerances of the foils of his/her boat.