

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: KNAV allowance

Affects:

Constitution ~~_____~~ By Laws ~~_____~~ Class Rules
Deed of Gift ~~_____~~ Rules of Conduct ~~_____~~ NoR or SI Template
Other

Objective:

To allow the use of the knav, taken out of the rules when a definition of vang was reached

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): Example: By Laws: **Section 1. Racing Season**

The official racing sailing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

F.7.2 “j”. Boom knav exercising upward force only, providing it is attached to the mast below the gooseneck

Reasons:

The knav, used by many sailors over the last decade, is a system that pushes the boom up and is used in light air conditions to open the leech of the main sail. While many sailors decided not to use it, many did, bought it and had to uninstall it when we changed the rules. This is against our general policy. The system is very good in light air, there is nothing similar and as effective a crew can do to compare to the knav efficiency opening the leech. The system was cheap, easy to install, helps the sailing, helps the speed, and more important looks great on the boat and it was of course optional. The system was taken out of our rules when a definition of vang (as downward force only) was made by our class, since World Sailing has none, but in our rules, while is clear that any vang is allowed, there is several systems that are not specific described as optionals (travelers, mast ram until last year, lines to operate bailers, and others) that we can find in any boat.

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The system has no safety issues, people like it very much and when not allowed, many sailors wrote and ask why we are not allowing it and really there is not much reason.

Beyond my personal opinions regarding if it is good or not or if I would use it, I think is a system that helps the boat, it has no cons, is cheap, is available, and I cannot think in a reason why not to allow it as an optional in the boat.