

Translation of Class Rules is quite a hard and time consuming issue. So this will probably wait until I retire from work. This can be within a year or so... :-) ...

The 2001 translation is still quite good to use. If you follow the 2001 issue you will also follow the rules of 2007 except that now only 1 mainsail is allowed to use. There are only some small real changes (all are allowances, be happy!!) which are listed below. The rest is more or less another wording in order to make the Class Rules to fit better to the ISAF Equipment rules of sailing.

C.1.2 Mandatory Equipment

..h Cutlery box deleted from the list

C.1.3 Optional instruments

1 off compass with digital display added to the list

C.1.5 Limitations

..a Now only 1 mainsail is allowed to use and to have on board

..c There is one exception now as per C.1.3 above

E.3.1 Material and construction (rudder)

..a Filling material is free

F.3.5 Position (mast)

..b Min 2930, max 2960

F.6.2 Construction (standing rigging)

..b (very end of section) Spreaders may now also be fixed in min. 260 cm position.

There are no restrictions of using the spinnaker pole. You may use your spinnaker pole as you like, i.e. together with the the spinnaker, together the the genoa or together with the jib and on windward side ("= "luv") or lee side.

Hope you got all answeres.

You are quite right. There is nothing written about this thing in the class rules. But this matter is regulated by RRS (Racing Rules of sailing), section 50.3 c):

"A headsail may be attached at its clew to a spinnaker pole or whisker pole, provided that a spinnaker is not set."

As this section is not changed by the class rules, it is valid.

You may use any pole that is covered by the definition of spinnaker pole in the class rules. See section F.5. The spar may be of aluminium alloy, steel or wood, have any type of fittings and must not be too long (max 2530 mm if measured separately, see the new class rules of 2007). When it is used it has to be attached to the mast, not higher than the fitting on the mast for the spinnaker pole (1540 mm above deck). So you must not stand and hold it.