

J-109 Class Rules

A question has been asked by Andy Williams regarding in-haulers:

“What are the restrictions/parameters allowed for jib in-haulers?”

The problem they were trying to address was their in-hauler combined with their sail shape makes the sheeting angle back to the front car too acute and pulls the car right over. If they sheet to the back car the in-hauler lifts up. Their proposed solution is shown in the picture below:



Under the section dealing with the list of what is permitted all that is stated is “4.3.17 Jib in-haulers.”

As Chris said in his initial response “The rules don’t specify how you set up the in-haulers other than it is affected by the rules that prohibits modifying the installed deck equipment. There are several arrangements that have been adopted by the fleet, depending whether you want to run them to the winches or use blocks and clam cleats.”

On Just So we have an Antal ring with the lines crossed going back to a block and clam cleat arrangement.

Section 4.3.5 in the section describing what is permitted it states “ U-bolts or pad eyes outboard of the track for barber hauling the jib or affixing blocks to stanchion bases for the same purpose.”

Andy Williams suggests that with their proposed arrangement all they are doing is barber hauling the jib (although no further than the track) and in-hauling with one system.

In my view what Andy is proposing is within the class rules.