

Additional Block in Jib Halyard System – Adds Rule 8.6 to the Equipment and Fittings Section

This proposed rule change would permit the addition of a pad eye and turning block for the jib halyard located on the port side-tank directly athwartship of the mast. The floating fine tune double block would ride on the halyard between the port side-tank block and the through-deck sheave above. This change would enable a much fairer leads than the current setup, decreasing failure-inducing forward stress on the jib halyard-turning block pad-eye on the mast and off-angle wear on the through-deck sheave. This set-up is proven and in use on several of the older Vipers. The cost of this optional change is minimal – just a pad eye and single swivel block. Paul Zimmerman at Rondar recommends adding a couple layers of reinforcing fiberglass on the inside of the tank of the newer boats at the new attachment point which is easily reached from the forward bulkhead inspection port.



