Technical Specification Chair's Interpretations of the 4/16/11 Bullseye Class Association Rules

1. Are plastic or stainless rings or other attachments to the boom or deck for holding spin-pole legal?. (Sect 7.2)

No problem, as long as these are used for storing the pole when not in use – and are not used for setting the pole under the spinnaker while racing.

2. Can the mainsheet be rigged with 2x purchase aft and 3x or 5x purchase off mid boom? (9.4)

The class has approved a number of main sheet systems, including several forms of mid-boom sheeting. These systems are allowed.

3. Can the spinnaker pole downhaul be on mast rather than on the deck? (9.5)

Attaching the spinnaker pole down haul to the mast is allowed.

- 4. Can cleats be placed wherever owner prefers? Every boat MUST have a bow cleat and bow chock. Cam cleats and jam cleats can be located at the owner's preference.
- 5. Can the main cunningham have 2 blocks? (9.8) Adjustable cunninghams are allowed.
- 6. Is a jib downhaul allowed on the deck or below the deck? (9.8) NO. Jib down hauls are not allowed. Jibs and genoas must be attached to the tack plate with a shackle. Jib halyard tension can be adjusted with the halyard.
- 7. Can the boom vang run from boom to U bolt on the deck aft of mast or to a bail on mast above the deck? (C7 7.2)

 There are no restrictions on vang mounting locations.
- 8. Are shelves, drawers, and cup holders legal? (an extreme reaction we heard to the "not legal if not listed" argument)

 No restrictions on installation and use of crew "conveniences".

- 9. Are tell-tails allowed on sails or shrouds?
 In my personal opinion, fewer is better. That said, the class does not restrict the use of fabric or nylon tell tales on sails or rigging.
- 10. *Is a jib halyard tensioner other than a winch allowed?*Main and Jib halyards must be secured to a fixed cleat or clutch device.
- 11. I have a bracket on my transom; can I carry an outboard motor on my Bullseye?

Many small sailboats have a removable outboard bracket – so a small outboard can be used as an auxilary motor when needed.

Of course a motor can't be used while sail boat racing – it's covered in US Sailing rules under the section for "propulsion".

A skipper is welcome to keep the engine on board, but needs to remove it from the bracket and store it in the cuddy while racing. I would personally recommend leaving it at the dock when participating in class racing (too much extra weight).