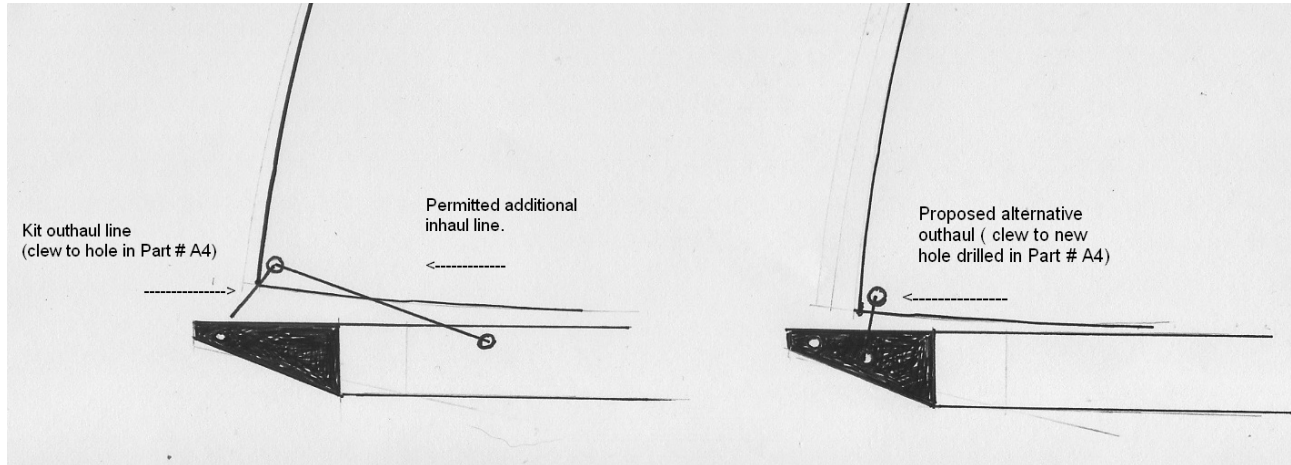


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SeaWind Class – Rule Interpretation – Rule 10.2

A skipper asked if an alternative outhaul arrangement would be permitted. The diagram below illustrates a conventional outhaul arrangement and his proposed alternative.



After discussion among the SeaWind Class Officers it has been agreed that the proposed alternative arrangement, although probably providing little if any advantage, is not permitted.

The outhaul arrangement shown in the kit instructions (a single line running from the sail clew through the hole in the plastic end pieces, Part #A4 for the main and Part # A5 for the jib and secured to the boom forward) was soon found to be deficient, especially for the jib where slackening of the outhaul simply resulted in lowering the jib boom providing no impact on sail shape. In the 2005 Class ballot a new Rule 10.2 was adopted which permitted addition of an inhaul line from the clew running forward and secured to the boom. A variety of methods of accomplishing this have been illustrated on Class web sites all of which maintain the outhaul line running direct from the sail clew (or a hook attached to the clew for ease of assembly) through the hole in the end piece as shown in the kit instructions.

The proposed arrangement which requires a new hole in the plastic end piece to which the outhaul line from the clew is secured is judged to be outside the scope of modification permitted under Rule 10.2.

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