



Mindelo, le 30 septembre 2025

**Question transmise au comité technique :**

As reported during Leg 1 of the Globe 40, the strop at the head of our A6 (supplied new by North Sails in 2025) failed. As a result the sail was extensively damaged by the blades of the hydro generator and subsequent recovery from the water. To note that the sail has had less than 24 hours use in total.

Even if the sail is repairable, it will be compromised. North Sails have confirmed that ATN who supplied the spinnaker sock have accepted that the splice on the dyneema loop was not fit for purpose with insufficient bury of the tail.

For Leg 2 we have a spare A6 that we intend to use. Analysis of winds over the past 10 years indicates that we will need an A6 for at least 2 days and possibly up to 7 days. So it is a vital sail.

For Leg 3 and subsequent legs we have two options:

- 1) Repair the damaged A6 and swap back in Reunion.
- 2) North Sails replace the A6 with a new sail on a like-for-like basis which we swap back in Reunion.

Our preference given the extensive damage to the sail is option 2. In either case please advise if there is any dispensation for replacement of the sail without compromising our ability to make future changes as per the NOR.

**Décision :**

Le Comité Technique de la Globe40 approuve le fait que les dommages subis par le spi sont la conséquence d'un défaut de fabrication de l'estrope reliant le spi à la chaussette. Défaut de fabrication par ailleurs reconnu par le fabricant de la chaussette.

Par conséquent, le Comité Technique :

- accepte le choix de l'option 2
- accepte que le nouveau spi, qui sera livré pour le Leg 3, ne soit pas comptabilisé dans le nombre total de voiles autorisé par l'Avis de Course de la Globe40 pour JANGADA.

**Decision:**

The Globe40 Technical Committee accepts that the damage to the spinnaker was the result of a manufacturing defect in the loop connecting the spinnaker to the sock. Furthermore, the manufacturing defect has been acknowledged by the sock manufacturer.

The Technical Committee therefore:

- accepts option 2
- accepts that the new spinnaker, which will be delivered for Leg 3, will not be counted in the total number of sails allowed by the Globe40 Notice of Race for JANGADA.

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