



#### **Q&A. 01 - Class Rules and Battens.**

**Q.** Can i replace a broken batten from my sail with a batten from another sail?

**A.** Yes, but you must make sure the replacement batten is "*of the same type and function as the original*" -

eg a fibre glass rod batten is replaced by a fibreglass rod batten of the same length.

Battens are a sail fitting and the replacement batten shall not change "*the essential shape, characteristics or function*" of the sail -

eg the taper, and therefore the shape of the batten under tension in the batten pocket, shall remain the same.

**Q.** Can i use carbon battens in my sail?

**A.** NO, sails on the Approved List do not come supplied with carbon battens; and cannot be modified or repaired by using carbon battens.

**Q.** Can i add extra stiffening to a batten by adding an extra length of battening into the batten pocket?

**A.** No, this is not permitted as the rules are "closed" **class rules**.

REMEMBER - FE **Class Rules** are "CLOSED" **class rules** WHERE IF IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT YOU MAY, THEN YOU SHALL NOT.