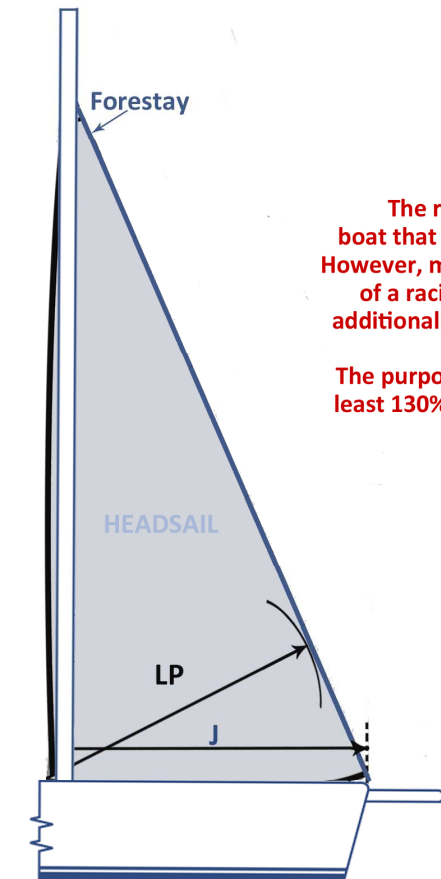


Spinlock IRC Rule 21.8

If you have a single, roller furling headsail the boat will only be eligible for a rating credit if the headsail overlap is 130% of J or larger. So, LP needs to be greater than 1.3 x J (i.e. $LP > 1.3 \times J$)

e.g.
 LP = 5.00m
 J = 3.50m ($1.3 \times J = 4.55\text{m}$)
 so
 LP (5.00m) is **greater** than 1.3 x J (4.55m)
 = eligible for Single Roler Furling Headsail credit



Why is there this limit on eligibility?

The rating allowance is intended to benefit the genuine cruising style boat that has a "put it up in April, take it down in September" furling headsail. However, many other types of boat, including sports boats, have small furling jibs of a racing design - it is not appropriate that these boats get an allowance; additionally small furling jibs are more efficient over the wind range than larger furling genoas, as they rarely need to be partly furled. The purpose, therefore, of limiting the allowance to boats with a headsail of at least 130% overlap is to limit it to those boats and sails for which it is intended, and prevent a loophole for racing boats to benefit from.

e.g.
 LP = 4.00m
 J = 3.50m ($1.3 \times J = 4.55\text{m}$)
 so
 LP (4.00m) is **less** than 1.3 x J (4.55m)
 = **Not** eligible for Single Roler Furling Headsail credit



(NB: Drawings are not to scale)

On your boat's certificate, you will find one of the following:

Multiple headsails permitted means:

You are **not** receiving the furling headsail rating credit and may use any number of headsails.

or **Multiple headsails permitted (Furler $LP < 1.3 * J$)** means:

You applied for the furling headsail credit but are ineligible because your rated Headsail LP is less than $1.3 * J$. You may therefore use any number of headsails.

or **Single furling headsail only** means:

You are receiving the furling headsail rating credit and may use only **one headsail** during a race.

No other headsail may be used.

or **Single furling headsail plus H/W jib** means:

You are receiving the furling headsail rating credit at the reduced

rate and may use only **one headsail or a heavy weather jib** during a race. No other headsail may be used.

For boats receiving the rating credit, other points to note are:

- Your boat must be fitted with a complete headsail furling system, and the sail must be set on the furling drum.
- There is no restriction on carrying additional headsails on board. You can carry, but not use additional sails.
- A No 3 headsail is **NOT** a 'heavy weather jib'.
- A heavy weather jib is defined as a headsail of area not greater than 13.5% height of the foretriangle squared. 'Height of the foretriangle' is the vertical height from the sheerline abreast the mast to the forestay attachment point on the mast.
- A boat rated for a single furling headsail but no heavy weather jib may nevertheless carry a heavy
- weather jib aboard without infringing IRC Rules. If however she uses it while racing, she infringes IRC Rules and must retire.
- A storm jib (See IRC Definitions) may be used by all boats at any time.
- If you are competing in a series of races, you must use the same headsail for all races in the series.
- **Rule 21.8.1(c)** on the minimum size of headsail that may be used