

WaterTribe Reefing Rules

Reefing Rules for ALL Class 3, 4, 5, and 6 Boats: All sailing classes must have a safe and efficient reefing, furling, or dousing system for all sails. You must know how to use your reefing system* and it must be fully rigged and ready to go before you launch. **All reefs for all sails must be rigged** for safe and efficient deployment and recovery while underway.** The inspectors will ask you to demonstrate your reefing system at Registration/Inspection the day prior to launch. If there is a small craft advisory at any time during the event and you are on the water and you don't have all reefs in your sail, you will be immediately DQed.

Reefing is highly recommended but not required for standing sails less than or equal to 12 sqft.

Standing Sails

At least one reef point is required for standing sails greater than 12 sqft and less than or equal to 36 sqft. Having two reef points is highly recommended for these sails.

At least two reef points are required for any standing sail greater than 36 sqft.

Instead of reef points, any standing sail can use roller reefing.

All standing sails including those less than or equal to 12 sqft must have a dousing and retrieving system that can be safely and efficiently operated from the cockpit or main trampoline while underway. **You will have to demonstrate this during your inspection.**

Headsails may use roller furling, roller reefing and/or dousing system that can be safely and efficiently operated from the cockpit or main trampoline.

Cruising spinnakers and screechers are allowed keeping in mind the roller reefing, roller furling and/or sail dousing and retrieving requirements for all headsails.

All class 3, 4, 5, and 6 WaterTribers must have "Reef Early and Reef Often" tattooed on their forehead. (Just kidding, but you get the idea.) If you are a hard-core racer, remember this: A capsized boat is much slower than a properly reefed boat. And you cannot win if you don't finish.

* Jiffy or slab reefing if not furling.

** "Rigged" means all lines and hardware necessary to set the slab/jiffy reefs are run and ready to use.