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INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS RULES

Interpretation has been requested by the AMYA, USA as follows:

Is it permitted to use spreaders working in tension on an International One Metre boat?

Relevant Rules

- The Class Rule F.2.3
- The Class Rule F.3.3(5) with the term "spreaders" NOT printed in "**bold**" i.e. NOT used in the ERS defined sense.

Discussion

The Class Rule F.2.3 requires that the function of items shall be limited to what is normally provided by items of their type. Spreaders that act in tension or in compression are used in manned as well as in radio control boats. The "normal" function of the spreader is, also, controlling the shape of the mast which may be done by either of the two types of spreaders.

The fact is that the term "spreader" is not printed "**bold**" in the 2002 edition of the Class Rules. However, if it were printed "**bold**", the result would be the same because the ERS Rule F.1.3 requires only that the spreaders be capable of working in compression. It does not require them to actually work in compression.

Decision

The spreaders, as part of optional mast fittings, are permitted if they are used in accordance with Class Rule F.2.3, regardless of whether they work in tension or compression.

A piece of cord/elastic or something similar, not capable of working in compression, but working in tension in place of spreaders is not permitted because the item is part of rigging not permitted by the **closed class rules** nature of the International One Metre Class Rules.

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