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## Interpretation 2002-IOM-2

### INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS RULES

Interpretation requested by the Model Yachting Association, GBR, as follows:

- Is it permitted to use cringles that project outside the edges of the sail?
- Is it permitted to use the method of attachment at the mainsail luff made of cutouts on the mainsail luff closed (bridged) with 20-25 mm wire?

#### Relevant class rules

Rules: F.3.3(b)(7), G.2.5(c), G.3.1(i) and G.3.2

#### Discussion

##### EXTERNALLY MOUNTED CRINGLES

Class Rule (CR) G.3.1(i) permits cringles at the **head**, **tack** and **clew** but does not specify their position. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) is quite clear that the measurement point is the intersection of adjacent edges of the sail, extended if necessary and that the cringle or eye is ignored in this process. The size of the cringle/eye is however controlled by CR G.3.2 to a maximum of 10 mm.

##### LUFF EYES MADE OF CUTOUTS ON MAINSAIL CLOSED (BRIDGED) WITH PIECES OF WIRE

The ERS does not specify standing as against running rigging beyond including the definition as part of the rig. CR F.5.2(b)(3) specifically includes a jackstay as part of the standing rigging and therefore as part of the rig. ERS G.1.1 defines a **sail** as being an item of equipment attached to the **rig**, used to propel the boat and includes, among other items, **attachments**. Thus the wires on the mainsail **luff** used to close (bridge) the cutouts on the mainsail cannot be regarded as a jackstay or any part thereof but fall under CR G.2.5(c) as discontinuous attachments and the opening together with the wire falls under IOM Class Rule G.3.2.

#### Decisions

Provided the cringles/eyes do not exceed 10mm in diameter, they may fall inside or outside the edges of the sail.

The wires do not form any part of a discontinuous jackstay and provided that the requirements of IOM Class Rule G.2.5(c) and IOM Class Rule G.3.2 are met, they are a legal form of eye. The IOM Class Rule G.3.2 requirement for cringle and eye diameter to be a maximum of 10 mm has to be applied to the whole length of the wire bridging each cutout on the mainsail **luff** and to the cutout itself. Both wire and cutout form the eye.

The interpretation has been handled by Mrs. Val Provoost on the request of the TC Chairman as he felt he had a vested interest.

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