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## **Interpretation 2004-A-2**

### **INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL "A" CLASS RULES**

Interpretation requested by Graham Bantock, designer, as follows:

#### **Question No.1:**

When a mainsail has a pocket luff which passes around the mast, are the widths measured to the luff of the sail with the mast removed, or to the aft side of the mast as shown in diagram 5 of the class rules?

#### **Relevant rules**

International "A" Class Rules 6.2.1, 6.7.1 and Diagram 5.

#### **Discussion**

According to the International "A" Class Rule 6.2.1: "Sails shall be ..... measured in accordance with the current "IYRU Sail Measurement Rules", except where varied herein (in the class rules)". There is no reference in the text of the International "A" Class Rules regarding the measurement of the mainsail widths. Diagram 5 is showing double luff mainsail regarding "B" measurement only. Purpose of the Diagram 5 is not to define how the cross widths have to be measured and therefore current "IYRU Sail Measurement Rules" should be used as reference for the cross widths measurement.

#### **Decision**

Widths on a mainsail with mast inside luff pocket have to be measured to the luff of the mainsail with the mast removed.

#### **Question No.2:**

When a mainsail luff contains a jackstay attached to the aft side of the mast spar, is the sail to be measured as a double luff sail with the luff perpendicular taken to the fore side of the mast? If so, are the widths measured to the sail luff with the stay removed or to the fore edge of the spar?

#### **Relevant rules**

International "A" Class Rules 1.1.1, 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.7.1 and Diagram 5.

#### **Discussion**

International "A" Class is a Development Class as specified in class rule 1.1.1  
A term "stay" is not defined in the IYRU Sail Measurement Rules and present ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing so it is reasonable to use it in its normal nautical sense i.e. a stay is rigging supporting the mast in fore-and-aft direction. A jackstay inside the mainsail luff pocket is rigging but it is not a stay. Accordingly, mainsail with the luff containing a jackstay is not a double luff sail.

According to the International "A" Class Rule 6.2.1: "Sails shall be ..... measured in accordance with the current "IYRU Sail Measurement Rules", except where varied herein (in the class rules)". Only battens need not to be removed from sails during measurement as stated in class rule 6.2.2.

### **Decision**

Luff perpendicular and the widths on a mainsail with a jackstay inside the luff pocket have to be measured to the luff of the mainsail with the jackstay removed.

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