

## Interpretation 2004-IOM-5

### INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS RULES

Interpretations requested by the Australian Radio Yachting Association as follows:

#### Question No.1:

RMG Sailwinch has commenced production of a "belt drive sheet control line/unit" consisting of drum winch and sheet control line which runs along the deck (or below deck) and runs between the winch and any return pulleys. Is this belt drive unit permitted to be used on an IOM class yacht?

#### Relevant rules

International One Metre Class Rules C.7.7(a) , F.6.1.

#### Discussion

Class Rule C.7.7(a) concerns running **rigging** and indicates that the mainsail and the headsail sheets may be worked by a sheet control line attached to the sheet control unit.

Class Rule F.6.1 indicates that materials of running **rigging** are unrestricted.

"Belt drive sheet control line/unit" as described by RMG Sailwinch is a type of sheet control line.

#### Decision

Yes.

#### Question No.2:

Can the lower end of the headsail boom topping lift be attached to the boom fitting(s) by both an adjustable line and an elastic line?

#### Relevant rules

International One Metre Class Rules F.4.4(b)(2) and F.6.2(b)(7)

ERS F.1.4

#### Discussion

Class Rule F.4.4(b)(2) makes it clear that topping lift fitting(s) or opening are optional on the headsail boom so a topping lift may be attached to the headsail boom.

Class Rule F.6.2(b)(7) permits a headsail boom topping lift as optional item of running **rigging**.

Optional parts of running **rigging** permitted by Class Rule F.6.2 are all singular.

The ERS definition of "**rigging**" is given in ERS F.1.4 as "any equipment attached at one or both ends to spars, sails or other **rigging** and capable of working in tension only".

This definition makes it clear that a piece of **rigging** may have one or two ends attached to another part as listed above.

#### Decision

The headsail boom topping lift as described in ARYA request has one upper and two lower ends; this item cannot be a piece of **rigging** called a topping lift and doesn't comply with Class Rules.

**Question No.3:**

Can a line (elastic) fitted near, on or within the headsail boom which “tensions” the topping lift be considered to be a “headsail boom topping lift restraint line”?

**Item3:****Relevant rules**

International One Metre Class Rules C.7.7(c)

**Decision**

Headsail boom topping lift restraint line must comply with the Class Rule C.7.7(c).

If an elastic line is attached to the topping lift at one point and attached to the topping lift at another point it complies with Class Rule C.7.7(c).

If the restraint line is attached with one end to the topping lift and with other end to the boom it does not comply with Class Rules.

Interpretation decided by a Sub-Committee:

Robert Grubiša,	Technical Committee Chairman of the ISAF-RSD
Rick Martin,	Technical Committee Vice-Chairman of the ISAF-RSD
Charles Detriche,	Vice-chairman (Technical) of the IOM ICA.