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# IRSA Interpretation 2015-A-5.2 of the International A Class rules

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## ABBREVIATIONS

EC Executive Committee of IRSA  
ISAF International Sailing Federation  
IRSA International Radio Sailing Association  
CR Class Rules  
ERS Equipment Rules of Sailing  
RRS Racing Rules of Sailing

## DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases have these definitions in this interpretation.

**bold**, *italics* A **term** in bold is defined in the ERS, whereas a *term* in italics is defined in the RRS.

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shall/may In this document, the word "shall" specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word "may" is permissive.

will In this document, the word "will" specifies an intention.

## Request received

Q1 Is a jackstay, which is enclosed by the luff of a mainsail to be considered part of the mast for the purposes of compliance with International "A" Class Rule 7.1.1?

Q2 Is such a jackstay part of a mainsail, which may be replaced by a smaller mainsail enclosing a different jackstay?

## Relevant rules

International "A" Class Rules 7.1.1 and Interpretation 2015-A-4.

## Conclusion

1 A piece of rigging inside a mainsail luff pocket is not a stay according to the Interpretation 2015-A-4 and it is not part of the mast.

2 As a part of the mainsail's rigging it may be removed with the mainsail and alternative mainsail with alternative rigging may be attached to the mast because there is no restriction on rigging in the International "A" Class Rules.

## Notes

### Quote from IRSA Regulations 2003

6.2.5 Interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class rule change or modification carried out following the procedures of Regulation 6.4.

## Comment

The 2016 Class Rules require standing rigging and running rigging to comply with the current class rules.

The 2016 Class Rules use the ERS definitions and SCR format and it is clear that while the boat shall compete with the mast spar and main boom spar used at certification control it is permitted to alter other parts of the rig subject to other relevant rules.

Action required in future class rule revision:

See Interpretation 2014-A-4.2.

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