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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

If the words 'mast' and 'boom' in 7.1.1 are taken as the ERS meaning, is it permitted to alter the presence, position and geometry of rigging, spreaders, jumpers, backstay crane, fittings etc within the requirement of 7.1.1 to use the mast and main boom 'as measured'?

Relevant rules

A Class Rules

7.1.1

"The boat shall sail with the mast, main boom, appendages and ballast as measured. ()"

A Class Q&A Is it permitted to use an alternative mast and/or main boom?

ERS (for illustration purpose)

F.1.4 (a) MAST

A **spar** on which the **head** or **throat** of a **sail**, or a **yard**, is set. It includes its **standing rigging, running rigging, spreaders**, fittings and any **corrector weights**, but not **running rigging** and fittings that are not essential to the function of the mast as part of the **rig**.

F.1.4 (b) BOOM

A **spar** attached at one end to a mast **spar** or a **hull** and on which the **clew** of a **sail** is set and on which the **tack** and/or **foot** of the **sail** may be set. Includes its **rigging**, fittings and any **corrector weights** but not **running rigging, running rigging** blocks, and/or any kicking strap/strut arrangement.

Discussion

The 1994 CR are Open Class Rules in which anything not prohibited is permitted

The ERS definitions of mast and boom do not apply to the A Class and so the normal nautical understanding of them may be used. In CR 7.1.1 we can understand the requirement to use the "mast (and) main boomas measured" to refer to the spars with any fittings that are fixed to them but not standing or running rigging associated with them.

Conclusion

CR 7.1.1 does not apply to presence, position and geometry of fittings or rigging.

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 the spars and fittings to comply with the rules in force at the time of their initial certification or with the current class rules. To know what the previous class rules required it is necessary to know what was the effect of interpretations issued during that time. For that reason, even though the original lifetime of the interpretation has expired, this interpretation remains effective.

Standing and running rigging shall comply with the current class rules.

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