

Re-issue of previous interpretation

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INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARBLEHEAD CLASS RULES

Request received from MYA

The MYA Technical Secretary was presented with a shroudless conventional Marblehead **rig** for measurement. The lower part of the **mainsail** was of double **luff** construction and all the cross widths were taken to the **luff** of the sail. Where the **luff** sleeve was present these were taken to the forward edge of the **luff** sleeve. Above the **luff** sleeve the cross widths and the position of the **Aft Head Point** were measured from the **luff**, aft of the **mast spar**. The top width of the **mainsail** was measured as 40mm but from the aft face of the **mast spar**.

Documents affecting:-

M **Class Rules** 2002 (CR) Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)

Discussion:-

The **sail** in question has a partial double **luff** to approximately half height. Following CR G.2.5 (b) (4) this partial **luff** sleeve is defined as a discontinuous attachment and, as the length of the sleeve exceeds 10% of the **luff** length, the **sail** is to be measured to include the width of the **luff** sleeve. It is therefore a double **luff sail** and all cross widths and head width are to be taken from the foreside of the **luff** or the **mast spar** as defined in G2.5.(b) (1). To determine the **head point** of this **sail** in such a case, the **Mainsail Head Point** should be the intersection of the **luff** or the fore edge of the **mast spar**, whichever is the more forward, extended as necessary, and the line through the highest point of the **sail** at 90 degrees to the **luff** or the fore edge of the **mast spar**, whichever is the most forward. The **Aft Head Point** is similarly defined as being the intersection of the **leech**, extended as necessary and the line through the **Mainsail Head Point** at 90 degrees to the **luff** or the fore edge of the **Mast Spar** whichever is more forward.

Conclusion.

The **sail** as presented is a double **luff sail** and the **Mainsail** head width therefore exceeds the 40mm dimension, measured from the front of the spar, allowed by CR G2.7.

Graham Bantock, IRSA Technical Committee Chairman

Quote from IRSA Regulation

6.2 Where no International Class Association exists

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Interpretations shall have the status of a class rule and shall remain valid for a maximum period of 2 years or until superseded by a Class rule change or modification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 original and other interpretations have not been superseded by a class rule change or modification and subsequently have become invalid. Re-issue of this interpretation is an emergency measure to re-instate the effect of the interpretation in time for the 2014 Marblehead World Championship.

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