



# AMERICA'S CUP CLASS

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In response to the following:

*Given research that shows that surface shaping can ease the passage of a circular cylinder through a fluid, is it permissible to add structures, such as spiral winding, trip wires etc, to a standing or running rigging element?"*

### INTERPRETATION

Rule 36.8 states

Fairings on **standing rigging** and **running rigging** are prohibited except for a headsail luff support device as defined in ACC Rule 36.9.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines "fairing" as an element to reduce resistance to air or water flow.

Any spiral winding, trip wire or similar structure added to **standing** or **running rigging** would constitute a fairing and would contravene Rule 36.8 and therefore is not permitted.

END

*This interpretation is made by the Measurement Committee in accordance with Rule 3.2 of Version 5.0 of the America's Cup Class Rule.*

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