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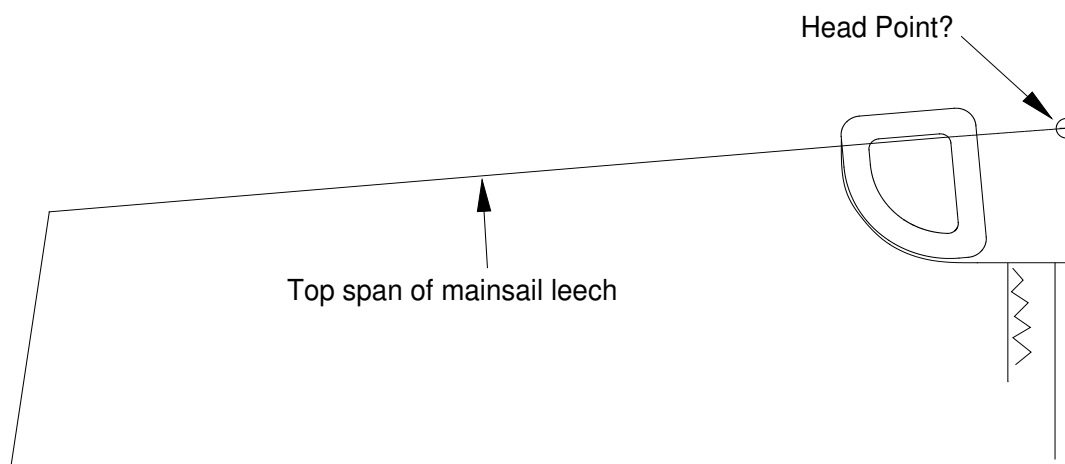
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In response to the following:

Please issue a public interpretation to clarify the location of the head point in the case of a ring in the head of the mainsail.

The sail measurement appendix in the V5 rule shows that if a webbing loop extends above the mainsail it is ignored in locating the head point.

Where would you locate the head point if there were a ring in the head of the sail, part of which was above the top span of the leech?



Interpretation

Appendix G defines the Head Ordinate Line as “The line through the highest point on the sail, at 90 degrees to the luff projected as necessary.”

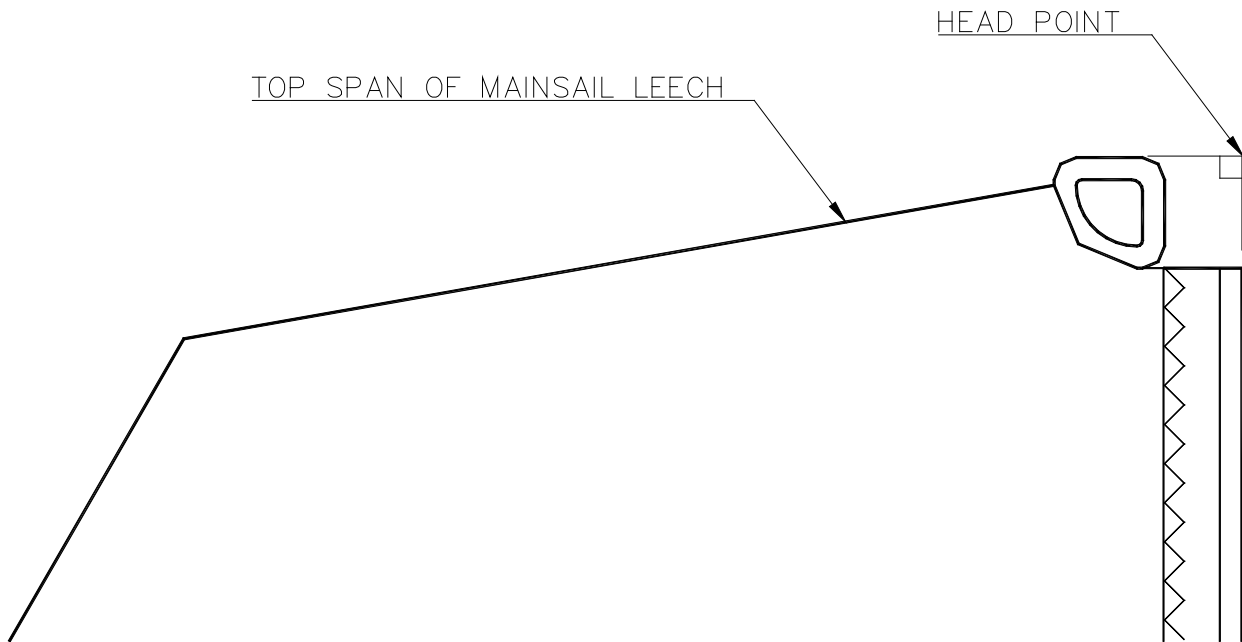
Sail Hardware is defined as a component of the sail. constructed of metal, plastic or FRP.

In determining the Head Ordinate Line the highest point on the sail shall be taken as the highest point of the sail including all sail hardware components. The Head Point of a mainsail shall then be taken as the intersection of the luff and the Head Ordinate Line.

For the purposes of this interpretation and in accordance with Appendix G, webbing straps shall not be considered to constitute sail hardware.

The sketch below indicates where the head point would be located in the example given.

Attention is also drawn to Rule 30.4 and 31.5.



*This **interpretation** is made by the **Measurement Committee** in accordance with Rule 3.3 of Version 5.0 of the America's Cup Class Rule.*

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