



AMERICA'S CUP CLASS

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In response to the following:

- 1) *Is the following sequence of actions permitted under Rule 44.1 (f):*
 - a) *Start the race with the top mast backstays attached at the mast head and held taut along the aft face of the mast.*
 - b) *At some later stage in the race connect the lower end of the topmast backstays to the runner fly block.*
 - c) *Complete the race provided that the topmast backstays are not subsequently "removed from the fly block".*
- 2) *If the mast is measured without topmast backstays, and the hull is weighed and floated with the topmast backstays stowed at the foot of the mast, is it permitted to subsequently race with the topmast backstays mounted from the masthead to the fly block, without any additional measurement checks.*

Interpretation

- 1) Yes.
- 2) No. Rule 25.2 states that the mast measurement condition shall include "all backstays". Therefore if the mast is to be used both with topmast backstays mounted from the masthead to the fly block and without topmast backstays then it shall be measured in both configurations. Additionally if the topmast backstays stowed at the foot of the mast may in anyway be attached to the mast during a race then the mast shall also be measured in the configuration with the topmast backstays secured at the foot of the mast.

*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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