



AMERICA'S CUP CLASS

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In response to the following:

1. *ACC Rule Version 5.0 uses the terms "spinnaker foreguy" [ACC Rule 2.5(e)] and "spinnaker pole downhaul" [ACC rules 15.1(c) and 30.8]. Are these terms referring to the same control line, or is there a difference between the two terms?*
2. *Is it legal to lead a spinnaker pole downhaul to or through the hull?*
3. *Is it legal to lead a tack line (as the term is used in ACC Rule 33.4) to or through the hull?*
4. *In what configuration, if any, would a "spinnaker pole downhaul" also be considered a "tack line"?*
5. *In continuation of Question 4:*
 - a. *if the spinnaker pole downhaul is dead-ended on the spinnaker pole, is the spinnaker pole downhaul also considered a "tack line"?*
 - b. *if the spinnaker pole downhaul is attached to a fitting to which the tack of the spinnaker is attached, is the spinnaker pole downhaul also considered a "tack line"?*
6. *In ACC Rule 30.8, does "attach" refer to the attachment point to the hull, deck or bowsprit, or does it mean some other attachment point?*
7. *Does "attach" mean fixed, or does it mean fixed or lead to?*

INTERPRETATION:

1. "Spinnaker foreguy" in ACC Rule 2.5(e) and "spinnaker pole downhaul" in ACC rules 15.1(c) and 30.8 refer to the same line.
2. Yes.
3. No: The hull is not included in ACC Rule 33.4 which states "A tack line attached to a spinnaker may lead to or through a bowsprit or the deck...."
4. The spinnaker pole downhaul would be considered to be a tack line if the spinnaker pole downhaul was attached to the tack of the spinnaker and was no longer controlling the spinnaker pole.
5. (a) No.
(b) Possibly, dependant upon whether the line in question was capable of controlling the spinnaker tack independently of the spinnaker pole.
6. In the context of Rule 30.8, "attached" means an attachment point to the hull, deck, bowsprit or fitting.

7. In the context of Rule 30.8, "attached" means "lead to" a fixed point or fitting on the hull, deck or bowsprit.

END

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

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