



AMERICA'S CUP CLASS

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In response to the following:

Subject: "mainsheet" in ACC Rule 31.1

- 1) *In ACC Rule 31.3(a), what is "mainsheet" ?*
- 2) *Is it permitted under the ACC Rule, v5.0, for a yacht to have more than one "mainsheet" ?*
- 3) *If the answer to Question 2 is Yes, and assuming the yacht has a mainsheet system led to near the end of the boom in place:*
 - a) *is it permitted in any circumstance to attach a second line to the boom to pull the boom forward in the pre-start?*
 - b) *if the answer to 3(a) is yes, can the second line be the foreguy?*
- 4) *If the answer to Question 2 is No, is it permitted to tie or stop off the mainsheet at some point along the mainsheet line and thereby reduce the purchase used to control the mainsail, and/or use the portion of the mainsheet line after the knot or stop to control the mainsail?*

INTERPRETATION:

1. The Oxford Dictionary defines sheet as "a rope attached to the lower corner of a sail." For the purposes of ACC Rule 31.3 (a) the "mainsheet" shall be taken as the rope attached to or controlling the lower corner or clew of the mainsail.
2. No.
3. Not applicable.
4. There are no limitations in the ACC rule which restrict alteration of the purchase of the mainsheet. Nor are there limitations on knots or stops in the mainsheet.

Attention is drawn to rule 31.3 which lists the devices that may be used to control the mainsail. 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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