



AMERICA'S CUP CLASS

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In response to the following:

1. *Is a device capable of applying a force to a backstay (i.e. a deflector, a shock-cord retainer or other device) at a point between its end fittings also considered to be a backstay?*
2. *Do the material limitations of rule 36.2 apply to this element?*
3. *If the element runs from the backstay to the rig, do the attachment requirements of rule 25.11 apply to this element?*

INTERPRETATION:

1. Not necessarily. The Oxford English Dictionary defines stay as "a large rope, wire, or rod used to support a ship's mast". If a device is capable of applying a force to a backstay and contributes to the support of the mast then it will be considered to be either a backstay or a fitting. If a device is capable of applying a force to a backstay and does not contribute to the support of the mast then it will be considered to be a fitting.
2. Yes, unless the element is deemed to be a fitting in which case it shall comply with the requirements of Rule 36.10.
3. If the element runs from the backstay to the rig and contributes to the support of the mast then the attachment requirements of rule 25.11 apply.

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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