



RS21 Cup YAMAMAY - ACT 4 Malcesine

Notice to Competitors

Number: 01

Class rules Interpretations

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Notice:

I Received few questions regarding the backstay, use and dimensions; here below the answers. Remember that infringement to these interpretations grounds to a protest.

ITEM #1

QUESTION: is it possible to tighten/adjust the first stage of the backstay during the regatta?

ANSWER: Yes it is possible.

REASON: **ERS** defined backstay "Running Rigging" and therefore as the "first stage" is part of the backstay, it is allowed to trim it.

ITEM #2

QUESTION: is it possible to have 2 adjustable devices, 1 for each backstay leg?

ANSWER: **no, it is not**; by class rule C.11.1(d) "*A device that allows you to tighten/adjust the first stage of the backstay is allowed, but only using rope and metal rings.*"

INTERPRETATION: this means that only 1 leg of the backstay may be adjustable using rope and metal rings.

ITEM #3

QUESTION: is it possible to taper the backstay lines?

ANSWER: yes, provide that the **minimum diameter dimension are respected for the whole length of the lines** by CR C.11.1(b) **ONLY** "*The mainsheet, jib sheets and spinnaker sheets, halyards and tack line shall be minimum 6mm thick diameter 50% of the length and the other 50% may be tapered to less than 6mm.*"

REMEMBER: Class rule C.6.1.1 "*The boat, spars, sail, hull appendages, control lines, attachment points and means, blocks, cleats mainsheet, halyard, Vang, Cunningham, gooseneck, outhaul and shall be rigged, arranged, and have the purchases as Originally Supplied and as shown in the Rigging Manual save as otherwise allowed to be changed by these class rules.*"

Here the abstract of the RS21 Rigging Guide with the dimension of the lines.

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