

Shields Class Sailing Association Rule Changes and Interpretations Adopted September, 2008

#	TOPIC/QUESTION	CURRENT RULE	PROPOSED RULE or INTERPRETATION
<b>1</b>	<p>May the spinnaker halyard exit the mast above the deck?</p> <p>Short Answer: <b>YES</b></p>	<p>§IV 8.11 <i>Spinnaker Halyard</i></p> <p>The spinnaker halyard may be wholly outside the mast. The top of the sheave of the halyard block shall be at the same height as the spinnaker halyard fairlead as shown on Official Plan 2.</p> <p><i>Official Plan 2</i></p> <p>21 HALYARD LOWER SHEAVE BOXES (MAIN, JIB AND SPINNAKER)</p>	<p>§IV 8.11 <i>Spinnaker Halyard</i></p> <p>The spinnaker halyard may have the return inside the mast and exit the mast at any location or be wholly outside the mast. When a halyard block is used the top of the sheave of the halyard block shall be at the same height as the spinnaker halyard fairlead as shown on Official Plan 2.</p> <p><i>Official Plan 2</i></p> <p>21 HALYARD LOWER SHEAVE BOXES (MAIN AND JIB AND SPINNAKER)</p> <p>21A HALYARD LOWER SHEAVE BOX (SPINNAKER) - OPTIONAL</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Is wire the only permitted material for the connection of the backstay through the backstay gland?</p> <p>Short Answer: <b>NO</b></p>	<p>§IV 7.2 <i>Backstay and Backstay Pennant</i></p> <p>The backstay may be led aft, amidships or forward. The purchase shall not exceed 8:1. The arrangement for turning the backstay pennant under the afterdeck is optional. (See Specifications 1.6, 2.8, 7.1)</p> <p><i>Official Plan 2</i></p> <p>34 BACKSTAY 1/8" SS 1X19 MAX. PURCHASE 8:1</p>	<p>§IV 7.2 <i>Backstay and Backstay Pennant</i></p> <p>--- NO CHANGE TO RULE --- Add Interpretation to §IV 7.2</p> <p>The backstay is 1/8" stainless wire 1x19 and the backstay pennant is 5/32" stainless wire 7X19 or equivalent strength non-wire rope. The use of wire is recommended to maintain the integrity of the manufacturer's original grounding system. (See Section VII - Official Plan 2)</p> <p><i>Official Plan 2</i></p> <p>34 BACKSTAY 1/8" SS 1X19 MAX. PURCHASE 8:1 34A BACKSTAY PENNANT 5/32" SS 7X19 OR EQUIVALENT STRENGTH NON-WIRE ROPE</p>

