

## **IF18CA 2019 World Council Annual Meeting – 8. REGULATION F18 JIB**

**This proposal relates to rule C.10.3(b)(2)**

### **C.10 SAILS**

#### **C.10.3 JIB**

(a) **USE**

(1) ...

(2) **The tack point shall not be fixed below the apex of the bridle wire.**

The proposal is to decide in principle to remove rule C.10.3(b)(2) by December 2021.

The objective of the proposal is to remove the interdependency of the position of the jib tack and the apex of the (forestay) bridle wire.

Removing this interdependency will allow the apex of the bridle wire to be placed higher without changing the position of the jib tack. Moving up the apex of the bridle reduces the loads that are exercised by the bridles on the forward section of the hulls, a critical area in boat construction.

In short, removing the interdependency will help builders to use material in other parts of the hulls, making the F18 hulls stiffer, stronger and longer lasting without increasing costs and without negatively affecting performance.

Removing the interdependency will have a direct effect on the following boat equipment:

- Forestay and forestay bridles
- Jib
- New equipment added: compression tube to be positioned between the bridle apex and the bowsprit

The attached pages of the discussion document circulated among World Council members last August provides further detail.

The two-year advance notice (till December 2021) is to help boat builders and sailors anticipate the consequences of a potential rule change.

If the principle decision is taken to remove the interdependency between the apex of the forestay bridle and the jib tack position, the class will still have to decide whether and how it wants to regulate the jib tack position with effect of December 2021. This is to be decided in the course of 2020 and a decision to remove or amend rule C.10.3(b)(2) will only be final once a comprehensive decision on rule changes is taken.

Although formally this is not a proposal for a rule change (as only an “in principle” decision is sought) it will be deemed a Special Resolution which is adopted only if supported by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> or more of the casted votes.