



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION



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Subject : Jib Decksweepers

Our attention has been drawn to devices presented by two teams at measurement during Australian National Titles sailed at Jervoise Bay Sailing Club, Western Australia.

Please find following the statement made by Pierre-Charles Barraud, Chief Measurer IF18CA.

One team presented the device illustrated below :



It is clear the **forestay** is affixed on an adjustable plate to the upper bridle, which is therefore the forestay bridle defined in CR F.6.2.(a)(1). Hence, it is as clear that the **tack point** is below the apex of the bridle wire, contravening CR C.10.3 (a)(2).

The fact for the upper jib bridle to be 3mm diameter would be a second ground for this device to be considered as not class legal according to CR F.6.2.(a)(1).

Lower bridle has to be considered as bowsprit bridle, as it is not permitted to use two forestay bridles.

The other team presented the system presented below:



The team pretended for this system to be considered as a rig adjustment as permitted by F.7.2.(b)(1).

Having a close look, one may see there is no possible move of the forestay, whatever tension one could put on the rope; plate and turnbuckle making it impossible. Actually this is a standing rigging disguised as running rigging.

Whatever the case, CR art. C.9.6 STANDING RIGGING is crystal clear :

(a) It is NOT permitted to adjust : mast rake, **tension of standing rigging**, angle or length of spreaders or diamond wire tension.

So no way for this system to be considered as class legal.

On behalf of Pierre Charles BARRAUD, Chief Measurer IF18CA,

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