



INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION



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To World Sailing Technical Department

Interpretation request

Dear Jaime and Simon,

I would request your help for an interpretation about F18 Class Rules.

From the very beginning of the Class, general use is to have trapeze wires fixed on mast hound, a few centimetres above shrouds in most cases (example pictures attached), maximum shroud height being fixed to 6750 mm by Class Rule F.3.3.b.

One competitor recently presented for measurement a mast where trapeze attachment point was fixed approximately 460 mm above the forestay fitting.

This is clearly and importantly diverting of general use in the Class, and is likely to breach equity among competitors, aim being to control the spilling off of the main by pulling the top section of the mast back, then to get more power at the top of the sail.

Based on Closed Class Rules principle, and although our Class Rules are silent about trapeze attachment point on the mast, I would consider this as illegal, being not expressly permitted.

Thanking you for confirming or rejecting this interpretation,

With my very best regards,

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