



# INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION



**The Chief Measurer**

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## **Measurement Query about Spinnaker Halyard**

### **Description**

The Class has been asked about the conformity of a system allowing the spinnaker halyard to pass from the front side of the mast to the rear, then to go down through the mast groove, the same way the mainsail halyard does.

The mast is sealed at the upper band level, the very top of the mast remaining open, with no cap, on approximately 7 cm (see sketch and picture in Appendix below).

### **Question**

Question is to know whether this open part at the top of the profile can be considered as being outside the mast or not, then permitting to spinnaker halyard to go through or not.

After questioning World Sailing Technical Department, it appears that, although the top of the mast head is open to the open air, and even it is for a few cm the spinnaker halyard actually passes inside the top head mast section, then contravening Class Rule C.9.5..

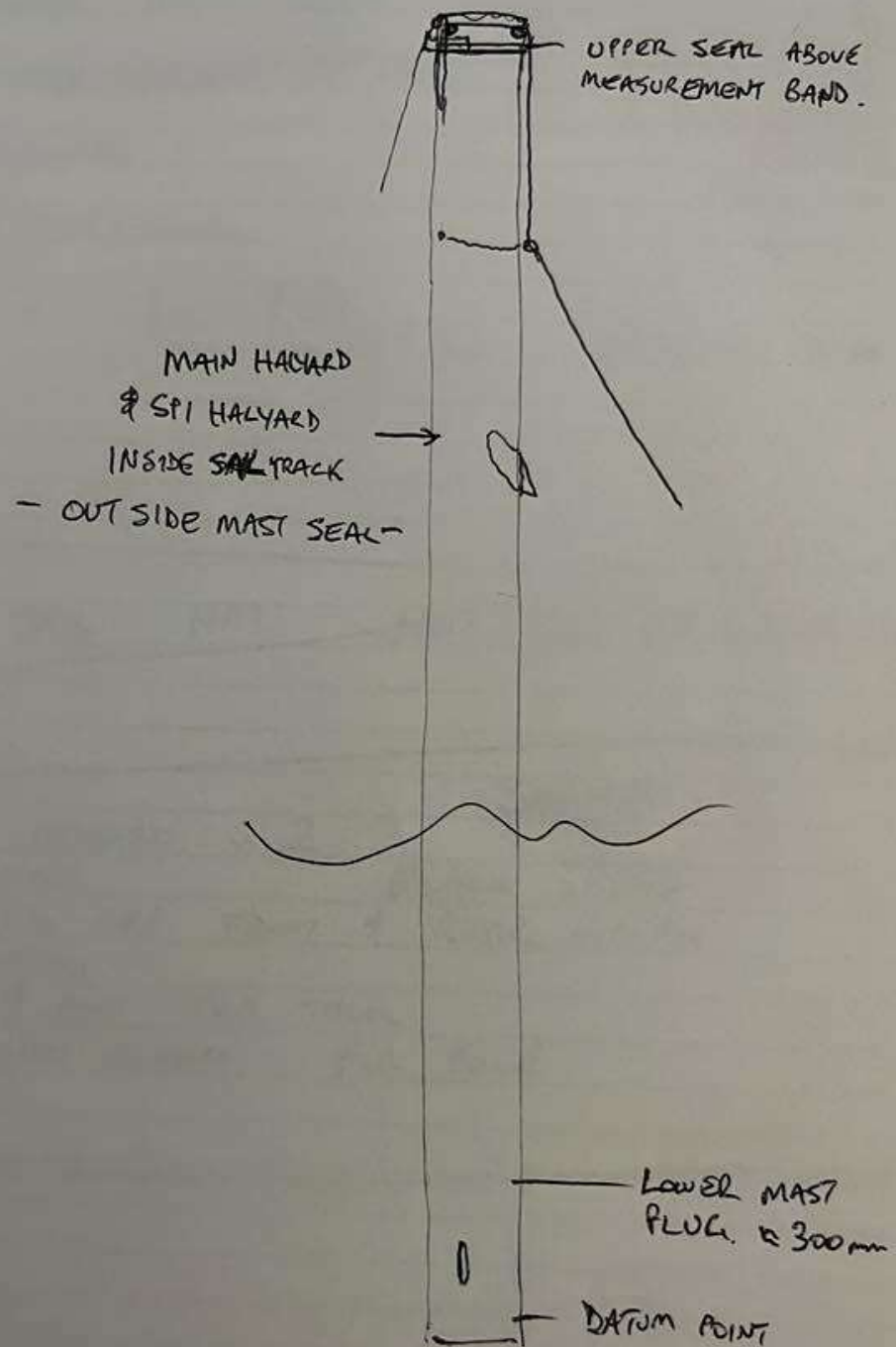
### **Statement**

The concerned halyard system contravenes to Class Rules C.9.5, then cannot be used for racing.

*Signed*

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## Appendix 1



## Appendix 2

