

The Equipment Rules of Sailing

F.1.4(c) Hull Spars

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To separate “hull spars” from other spars.

Proposal

(c) HULL SPARS

A **spar** attached to the **hull** to take **rigging** loads.

(i) BOWSPRIT

A **hull spar** extending forward to attach **rigging** and/or the **tack** of a **headsail**, or **headsails**.

(ii) BUMPKIN

A **hull spar** extending aft to sheet a **sail** and/or attach **rigging**.

(iii) DECK SPREADER

A **hull spar** extending transversely to attach **standing rigging**.

(d) OTHER SPARS

Other **spar** types include their **rigging**, fittings and any **corrector weights**, but not **running rigging**.

Other **Spar** Types:

(i) SPINNAKER POLE

A **spar** attached to the mast **spar** to set a spinnaker.

(ii) WHISKER POLE

A **spar** attached to the mast **spar** and a **headsail clew**.

~~(iii) BOWSPRIT~~

~~A **hull spar** extending forward to attach **rigging** and/or the **tack** of a **headsail**, or **headsails**.~~

~~(iv) BUMPKIN~~

~~A **hull spar** extending aft to sheet a **sail** and/or attach **rigging**.~~

~~(iii) GAFF~~

A **spar** attached at one end to a mast **spar** to set the peak, throat and/or head of a quadrilateral **sail**.

~~(iv) SPRIT~~

A **spar** attached at one end to a mast **spar** or a hull to set only the peak of a quadrilateral **sail**.

(v) YARD

A **spar** hoisted on a mast **spar** at a point between its ends to set the **head** of a quadrilateral sail or the **luff** of a lateen **sail**.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To separate “hull spars” from other spars and to introduce a term that can be used in class rules to cover all such spars.
