

The Equipment Rules of Sailing

F.1.5 Rigging Components

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

A restructuring of the rigging definitions part of the ERS to make it easier to read.

Proposal

F.1.5 Spreader

Any equipment attached at one or both ends to **spars, sails** or other **rigging** and capable of working in compression.

F.1.6 Rigging

Any equipment attached at one or both ends to **spars, sails** or other **rigging** and capable of working in tension only. Includes associated fittings which are not permanently fixed to a **hull, spar** or **spreader**.

F.1.7 Rigging Types

(a) STANDING RIGGING

Rigging used to support a mast **spar** or **hull spar**. It may be adjustable.

Standing Rigging types:

(i) SHROUD

Rigging ~~providing~~ used to provide transverse support for a mast **spar** or **hull spar** and which may also provide longitudinal support.

(ii) STAY

Rigging mainly ~~providing~~ used to provide longitudinal support for a mast **spar** or **hull spar** ~~and or supporting~~ a **sail**.

(iii) FORESTAY

Rigging ~~providing~~ used to provide forward support for a mast **spar**.

(b) RUNNING RIGGING

Rigging primarily used to trim a **spar** and/or a **sail**.

Running Rigging types:

(i) HALYARD

Rigging used to hoist a **sail, spar**, flag or a combination thereof.

(ii) BACKSTAY

Rigging mainly ~~providing~~ used to provide aft support for a mast **spar** above the **upper limit mark**.

(iii) **RUNNING BACKSTAY**

Rigging ~~providing~~ used to provide aft support for a mast **spar** at a point, or points, between the **upper limit mark** and the **forestay rigging point**.

(iv) **CHECKSTAY**

Rigging ~~providing~~ used to provide aft support for a mast **spar** at a point, or points, between the **lower limit mark** and the **forestay rigging point**.

(v) **OUTHAUL**

Rigging used to trim the **clew** of a **sail** along a boom **spar**.

(vi) **SHEET**

Rigging used to trim the **clew** of a **sail**, or a boom **spar**.

(vii) **SPINNAKER GUY**

Rigging used to trim the **tack** of a spinnaker.

(c) **OTHER RIGGING**

(i) **TRAPEZE**

Rigging attached to a mast **spar** used to support a single **crew member**.

Renumber the following rules accordingly.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To group similar rules together to make these rules easier to read and to add a “trapeze” definition.
