

The Equipment Rules of Sailing

G.1.3(d) Headsail & G.1.3(e) Spinnaker

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify and expand on the “headsail” definition and to add a spinnaker definition.

Proposal

(d) HEADSAIL

A **sail** set forward ~~of~~ and from the mast **spar**, or ~~of~~ the foremost mast **spar** if more than one mast.

(i) JIB

A **headsail** tacked down on the **hull** centreplane to the **hull** or a **bowsprit** and with the **clew** not capable of overlapping the mast **spar**, or the foremost mast **spar** if more than one mast.

(ii) GENOA

A **headsail** tacked down on the **hull** centreplane to the **hull** or a **bowsprit** and with the **clew** capable of overlapping the mast **spar**, or the foremost mast **spar** if more than one mast.

(iii) GENNAKER

An offwind **headsail** tacked down on the **hull** centreplane and forward of the **forestay** to the **hull** or a **bowsprit**.

(e) SPINNAKER

An offwind **sail** not tacked down to the **hull** or a **hull spar** forward of the mast **spar**, or the foremost mast **spar** if more than one mast.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

To clarify and expand on the “headsail” definition and to add a spinnaker definition.

These definitions are based on how and where on the boat such sails are set and do not include dimensions and construction. The latter are left to class rules in accordance with the ERS principle of defining pieces of equipment.
