

Equipment Rules of Sailing

G.1.4(g) Double Luff Sails

A submission from IRC

Purpose or Objective

To amend the current definition of double luff sails to correct an unintended error.

Proposal

Amend: ERS G.1.4 (g):

(g) DOUBLE LUFF SAIL

A **sail** with more than one **luff**, or a sail passing round a ~~stay or~~ **spar** and attached back on itself.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

The ERS definition of **stay** is: '**Rigging** providing longitudinal support for a mast **spar** or hull **spar** and or supporting a **sail**'. The wire in a 'stuff luff' headsail (eg a 420 or 470 headsail) is therefore a **stay** because it supports the mast. Because the wire is contained in a pocket at the luff of the sail, the sail passes round the wire and the headsail then becomes a double luff headsail.

Additionally, the definition of sail includes **attachments** which include hanks. A headsail hank passes round the **stay** on which the **sail** is hoisted making that sail a double luff headsail.

This unintended problem is simply resolved without consequential effects by deleting '**stay or**' from the definition of DOUBLE LUFF SAIL.
