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.