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.