**Equipment Rules of Sailing**

**F.1.6(a)(i) and (iii) Forestay and Shrouds**

A submission from IRC

**Purpose or Objective**

To amend the definitions of Forestay and Shrouds for safety and other reasons.

**Proposal**

Amend: ERS F.1.6 (a) (i) and (iii):

(i) **SHROUD**

*Permanently attached Rigging* providing transverse support for a mast *spar* or hull *spar* which may also provide longitudinal support.

(iii) **FORESTAY**

*Permanently attached Rigging* providing forward support for a mast *spar*.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reasons**

The current ERS F.1.6 (a) (iii) does not require that a FORESTAY or SHROUDS are permanently attached. In certain circumstances, this can offer an advantage to offshore boats. It is also highly desirable for safety reasons that forestays and shrouds should be permanently attached. Adding the word 'Permanent' to the beginning of F.1.6 (a) (i) and (iii) would resolve this without causing difficulty to other classes.

STAYs should however not be required to be permanently attached to cater for such as babystays and inner forestays which are routinely detached.