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.