

Equipment Rules of Sailing

F.1.7 Rigging Types

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify when types of standing rigging may be detached.

Proposal

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(a) STANDING RIGGING

Rigging used to support a mast **spar** or **hull spar**. It may be adjustable but is not detached when *racing* except as below:

Standing Rigging types:

(i) SHROUD

Rigging used to provide transverse support for a mast **spar** or **hull spar** and which may also provide longitudinal support.

(ii) STAY

Rigging mainly used to provide longitudinal support for a mast **spar** or **hull spar** or a **sail** which may be detached while racing.

(iii) FORESTAY

Rigging used to provide forward support for a mast **spar** ~~and is not detached when racing~~.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. Some stays (e.g. inner forestay) may sometimes be detached while racing to make it easier while tacking etc. The previous ERS definition was not suitable for this type of stay.