

Equipment Rules of Sailing

Definition Spreader

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the wording of the rules. To provide consistency with regards to the usage of the words “attached to” and “connected to”.

Proposal

Amend ERS F.1.4 and F.1.5 as follows:

F.1.4 Spar Types

(c) HULL SPARS

A **spar** attached to the **hull**.

(iii) DECK SPREADER

A **hull spar** extending transversely to ~~attach~~ connect **standing rigging**.

F.1.5 Spreader

Equipment used to brace a **spar**, attached at one end to the **spar** and connected at the other end to **rigging**, ~~and~~-working in compression when in use.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To clarify that a spreader or deck spreader doesn't necessarily need to terminate at the connection to rigging.
