The following interpretation of the 2008 version of the 470 Class Rules is in response to a formal request from the Royal Yachting Association. The date of this interpretation is the 26th March 2008.

**MAINSAIL**

**Question 1:**
Is the **stiffening** in the mainsail **head** in the attached photo in accordance with the 470 **class rules**?

**Answer 1:**
Yes – providing no part of the **stiffening** is more than 140mm from the head point.

**Question 2:**
When can a batten be considered a headboard?

**Answer 2:**
Where a headboard is permitted, any form of **stiffening** in the **head** should be considered a headboard.

**Question 3:**
If the arrangement shown in the picture is moved such that the aft end is on the head and not the leech, is this legal?

**Answer 3:**
Yes providing the headboard and the **reinforcement** covering the headboard comply with the **class rules**.