

Equipment Rules of Sailing

F.1.7(a)(iv) Backstay

A submission from the Equipment Committee, Classes
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Purpose or Objective

To move the backstay into the standing rigging.

Proposal

F.1.7 Rigging Types

(a) STANDING RIGGING

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(iv) BACKSTAY

Rigging mainly used to provide aft support for a mast spar above the upper limit mark.

(b) RUNNING RIGGING

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~~(ii) BACKSTAY~~

~~**Rigging mainly used to provide aft support for a mast spar above the upper limit mark.**~~

... (renumbering the other items accordingly)

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Backstay has been listed in the running rigging category, however it is more appropriate to be considered as standing rigging because of the main function it performs.
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