

CHALLENGER OF RECORD & DEFENDER

AMERICA'S CUP 36

Interpretation 035

of

AC75 Class Rule Version 1.7 issued 4th November 2019

Rules References:

8.7 **Uncontrolled components:**

- (a) are restricted to a maximum combined mass of 150 kg on each AC75 Class Yacht;
- (b) shall make up no more than 15.0 kg of a hull;
- (c) shall not be used in a foil arm fairing, foil wing, foil flap or rudder; and
- (d) if FRP, must be sourced as pre-consolidated and cured solid laminates in standard shapes (e.g. plate, bar, rod, tube, but not honeycomb) or standard products (e.g. a winch body).

Question:

- I. Is a bobstay ordered from (for example) Carbolink or Future Fibres a standard product, thereby permitting it as an **uncontrolled component**?

Interpretation:

A bobstay is not a "pre-consolidated FRP plate", and it is not similar to a "winch, block, traveler track or hydraulic valve" (examples from rule 35.104). All these products are "off the shelf products", where bobstay specifications (e.g. fibre type, resin type, length, strength, stiffness, section shape, end fittings, ...) are custom designed and bobstays are custom built. Therefore, the conditions of rule 8.2 (c) are not satisfied.

Answer:

- I. No, a bobstay for a **AC75 Class Yacht** is not a **commercial product** and therefore cannot be an **uncontrolled component**.

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