

CHALLENGER OF RECORD & DEFENDER

AMERICA'S CUP 36

Interpretation 063

of

AC75 Class Rule Version 1.16 issued 30th September 2020

Rule References:

- 20.17 All **sail skins** of the **mainsail** shall be continuously attached to the **mast tube** from 1.5 m above **MRP** to 1.0 m below the highest **mainsail head point**. This does not prohibit **mainsail cars**, but they are not sufficient to continuously attach a **sail skin** to the **mast tube**

Context:

Each **sail skin** of a **mainsail** is attached to the **mast tube** with a bolt rope that is inside a luff groove. Each bolt rope can be fed into its luff groove through an opening in the luff groove. These openings are more than 1.5 m above **MRP**. From slightly above to slightly below these openings in the luff grooves continuous Velcro fasteners serve as the luff attachment device. We believe that these fastenings provide the continuous attachment of the **sail skins** to the **mast tube** in this zone on the **mast tube**, as required by Rule 20.17. For the purpose of this interpretation we assume that rule 20.2 is satisfied.

Questions:

1. Is the proposed configuration compliant with Rule 20.17? If not, please advise for what reason.
2. Does the proposed configuration infringe any other rule? If yes, please advise which Rule and for what reason.

Answers:

1. The described arrangement complies with the attachment requirements of Rule 20.17, provided the Velcro fasteners in this area provide continuous attachment of the **mainsail sail skins** to the **mast tube** where the **sail skins** are not otherwise attached by the described bolt rope and **luff** groove.
2. A definitive judgment on the compliance of this arrangement with other aspects of the **Class Rule** cannot be made without additional detail.

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