

# CHALLENGER OF RECORD & DEFENDER

## AMERICA'S CUP 36

### Interpretation 081

of

### AC75 Class Rule Version 1.27 issued 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### Rule References:

20.9 The **supplied rigging** shall not be modified other than the addition of fairings and vibration mitigation devices permitted in Rule 20.8. Shock cords or ropes may be attached to **supplied rigging** to manage slack and prevent sails being fouled.

#### Interpretation 076

#### Questions:

1. We note “shock cords or ropes” are both plural in Rule 20.9. Are there any limits to the number of “shock cords or ropes attached to **supplied rigging** to manage slack and prevent sails being fouled”? If yes could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.
2. May elements of **supplied rigging** be attached to one another with “shock cords or ropes to manage slack rigging and prevent sails being fouled”? If not could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.
3. Are there any limitations to what **supplied rigging** may be attached to with “shock cords or ropes to manage slack rigging and prevent sails being fouled”? If yes could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.
4. Is it permissible to attach the backstays with “shock cords or ropes to manage slack rigging and prevent sails being fouled” if it is necessary to undo the attachment to pull the backstays tight, causing them to lead to the designated area in the 031 750 101A\_Rig and Sailplan? If not could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.
5. Is it permissible to attach the backstays with “shock cords or ropes to manage slack rigging and prevent sails being fouled” if the attachment breaks when the backstays are pulled tight, causing them to lead to the designated area in the 031 750 101A\_Rig and Sailplan? We assume that it is ensured that the broken shock cords or ropes cannot fall into the sea. If not could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.
6. Is it permissible for the backstays to be held taut against the **mast** while racing, if they are not attached to the **mast** except in the Rig and Sailplan mandated position? If not could the **RC** please provide an explanation and cite the relevant rules.

#### Interpretation:

- A. If the shock cords or ropes as introduced in rule 20.9 are used in their purpose, as defined in that rule, the **Rules Committee** does not consider them to qualify as “**control system**”. The **Measurement Committee** is empowered to determine whether shock cords or ropes are used beyond the purpose of Rule 20.9.
- B. The arrangement must provide the ability as set out in Q&A 2 and 3 of Interpretation 076.

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### Answers:

1. No, subject to Interpretation section A.
2. Yes.
3. No, provided the rules governing the item or component to which the shock cord or ropes attach permit such attachment.
4. Yes.
5. Yes. However, Rules 20.9 and 20.10 must be met after the attachments are broken. For example, there can be no remaining attachments on the backstays that are no longer being used to manage slack.
6. Yes, subject to Interpretation sections A and B.

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