

Submission: **ITA 3**

Reporting committee: **MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE**

USE OF RECTRACTABLE BOWSPRIT

PROPOSAL

This submission proposes that boats equipped with a retractable bowsprit be obliged to limit it being deployed to when required by the sail in use.

RATIONALE

The rule would avoid problems and safety concerns when the bowsprit remains out after the lowering of the gennaker at mark roundings. The rule is already adopted by one design classes like the Este 24 class (rule 3.4.6 states that it is not allowed to extend the bowsprit on a close hauled course after having passed the mark) and the Melges 24 class (rule C11.1 states that the bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times except when the boat shall be in the process of a continuous hoist, flying or dropping the spinnaker).