

Reporting committee: **ITC**

## CUNNINGHAM WITH POWERED ASSISTANCE

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### **PROPOSAL**

Amend the ORC rule to explicitly allow Cunningham systems operated by electric or hydraulic power, with an appropriate rating adjustment applied.

### **RATIONALE**

The Cunningham system adjusts mainsail and jib luff tension. On modern high-performance yachts, loads are high and precise trimming is required. The introduction of structured luff sails has significantly increased the luff loads seen on modern boats.

Powered assistance provides safe and accurate adjustments with reduced physical stress. Safety and fairness can be maintained with appropriate rating adjustments. This was raised at the 2025 ORCi World Championship in Tallinn, where the need for modernization became evident.