

Reporting committee: **ITC**
MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE
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MAST JACK ON BOARD

PROPOSAL

To penalize the boats with the mast jack on board (either internal or external).

RATIONALE

IMS rule F9.12 creates significant confusion among sailors as currently written. They struggle to understand how a boat can carry such a system while enforcement relies solely on the owner's declaration. There is no practical way for an owner to prove that the mast base has not been adjusted during racing.

However, this adjustment is nearly impossible to monitor during a race, since it usually takes place inside the boat and cannot be verified by a measurer while the boat is competing.

This lack of oversight provides teams with the opportunity to use the system in violation of both their declaration and the rule. To prevent this situation, it should be clearly stated that carrying a mast jack on board results in an appropriate rating penalty.