

## RULE ENQUIRY #031 – Towing

*Interpretation Request – TR-7.5(a)*

### Rule References:

- A. TR-4.1
- B. TR-4.4
- C. TR-4.16

### Background

1. TR-4.1 restricts the use of a number of listed, key components of an LEQ12 yacht. Any component that “serves or partly serves the purpose of a listed component” shall be limited by these restrictions. The listed components and the number that’s allowed are set by TR-4.4 and they include the **mast tube**.
2. TR-4.16 requires that all listed ‘components shall be classified according to resemblance in form or function to **AC75 Class Yacht** components, whatever their scale’.
3. TR-4.16 also states that “test components shall be counted even if they only resemble one aspect of an **AC75 Class Yacht** component, without matching the overall functionality...”
4. Interpretation #026 Instrument Post says that a “towing post need only resemble one (or more) aspects of either the form or function of a **mast tube**”.
5. In each of the following questions, please consider that no declared **mast tube** is stepped in the **LEQ12 yacht** with any connection to any of the designed rigging terminations, nor is such a **mast tube** otherwise on board the **yacht**.

### Question:

- a) If a towline is attached to the boat hoist attachment point of an **LEQ12 yacht**, and used to tow, hence to introduce load to the **yacht**, does that team have to notify the hoist attachment point as a **mast tube**? **NO**
- b) If a towline is directly attached to the hull of an **LEQ12 yacht**, but not to a rigging attachment, and used to tow, hence to introduce load to the **yacht**, does that team have to notify the hull attachment point as a **mast tube**? **NO**