

RULE ENQUIRY RE #026 – Instrument Post

Interpretation Request – TR-7.5(a)

Rule References:

- A. TR-4.1
- B. TR-4.4
- C. TR-4.16
- D. 75-1.4

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. Rule 75-1.4 requires the AC-75 Class Yacht to ‘be propelled by sails only’ and so we assume that all components should be evaluated in their resemblance to an AC75 Class Yacht component used to propel the yacht with sails.

Question:

1. Please consider an instrumented towing post on an LEQ12, with its base fixed to the mast ball and further supported by other rigging terminations. The instrumented towing post cannot be used and will not be used to hoist sails.

Is this instrumented towing post a mast tube for the purposes of TR-4.1?

If the answer is yes, could the Rules Committee please explain what features lead to an instrumented towing post being interpreted as a mast tube?