

## Interpretation 2014- IOM – 2

### INTERPRETATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS RULES

Request for interpretation of IOM Class Rules from USA NCA regarding tell tales as follows:

Under G.3.1 Construction tell tales are optional. No location restriction is given. Can a tell tale be located anywhere on the mainsail, including trailing aft of the leech?

Relevant rules

#### Equipment Rules of Sailing

##### Terminology

A term used in its defined sense is printed in “**bold**” if defined in the ERS and in “*italic*” if defined in the RRS. Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use in English.

##### G.1.1 Sail

An item of equipment, used to propel the **boat**. It includes any of the following added parts:  
**sail reinforcements** etc  
other parts as permitted by the **class rules**.

#### IOM Class Rules

##### A.5 ISAF RULES

A.5.1 These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the 2013-2016 ERS.

A.5.2 Except where used in headings, when a term is printed in “**bold**” the definition in the ERS applies and when a term is printed in “*italics*” the definition in the RRS applies.

## PART II – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

The rules in Part II are **closed class rules**. Measurement shall be carried out in accordance with the ERS except where varied in this Part.

### G.3 MAINSAIL

#### G.3.1 CONSTRUCTION

##### (b) OPTIONAL

##### (12) Tell tales.

Discussion

ERS G1.1 tells us that a **sail** is defined as an item of equipment that includes a list of parts plus “other parts as permitted by the **class rules**”. CR G3.1 (b)(12) tells us that tell tales are permitted parts on the mainsail. G.4.1 (b)(9) mirrors that for the headsail.

## Conclusion

In the IOM class a tell tale is a part of the **sail** as defined by the ERS. Thus tell tales shall comply with the CR that determine the shape of the **sail edge**. As the leech and foot shape are controlled by the CR this effectively means tell tales shall not extend beyond the leech or foot of sails.

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