

# IRC Congress 2019

## Proposals for 2020

### From JAPAN SAILING FEDERATION

#### 1. Mainsail Head Point

##### Reason for change:

ERS G.4.2 (a) implies mainsail head attachment is included to decide head point and this makes some unclarity in sail measurement and equipment inspection. New rule 21.5.3 was introduced to make this clear by using the term “highest visible point” instead of head point. However, as a sail measurement point of view, the ERS does not seem realistic. Mainsail head point at the top of the attachment may be located beyond the sail body causing luff length to be longer and sail width shorter although the margins are very small. Head point excluding attachments seems more realistic. In order to treat sail measurement and sail setting rules equally in IRC, it would be clearer defining mainsail head point.

##### Add new rule:

21.5.5 ERS G.4.2 (a) shall not apply. Head point shall be the intersection of the luff, extended as necessary, and the line through the highest point of the sail at 90° to the luff excluding attachments.

##### Effect:

Make it clearer for mainsail measurement points in line with IRC rule 21.5.3.

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## 2. Whisker Pole

### Reason for change:

At a moment, there is no option in the IRC application form to have spinnaker and whisker pole so that whether or not whisker pole for headsail only may be used while carrying spinnaker is unknown nor the effect of the whisker pole on TCC or no spinnaker TCC . It would be clearer if this option be included in the form and the effects to be made public.

### Amend:

Add new options for whisker pole together with spinnaker.

### Effect:

Better understanding and improving fairness for different downwind configurations.