

Merlin Rocket Class Rule Interpretation – November 2019

The following interpretation is supplement to the 2019 Merlin Rocket Class Rules (Effective 7 November 2019) and shall remain in force until a subsequent version of the class rules are approved and published on the RYA website.

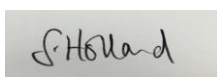
Question: A new jib head suspension arrangement is being used on some Merlin Rockets. In this new arrangement there is a removable rigid bar in a pocket in the top of the sail and the front end of the bar is connected to the forestay/luff wire. (As displayed in the below picture).

Is this jib head suspension arrangement in the rules-compliant?



Answer: No.

- This arrangement is **stiffening** as defined by the Equipment Rules of Sailing in G.1.4(n).
- The Merlin Rocket Class Rule G.4.1(c) specifically states that **stiffening** is not permitted.



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