

Rule Challenges & Interpretations to Bylaw 1 (ISCA Class Rules)

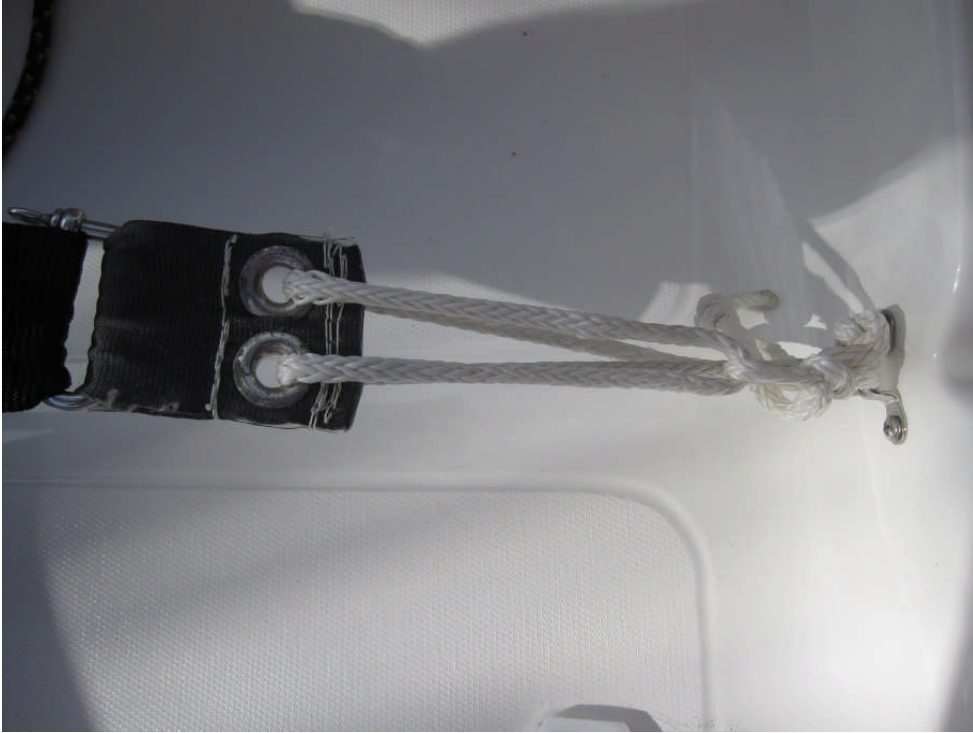
<u>Challenge Record Number:</u>	4 – Adjustable Hiking Strap
<u>Date of Challenge:</u>	Unknown prior to 2010
<u>Challenger:</u>	Malcolm Smith
<u>Challenge:</u>	Using an attachment line to create an adjustable hiking strap. Some versions tie a line directly to the end of the hiking strap, some versions have grommets added to the aft end of the hiking strap and some versions have connected a small piece of webbing with grommets to the aft end of the hiking strap with a D-shackle. See pictures below of the above three versions.
<u>Applicable Rules:</u>	3.1.6 “A hiking strap making one traverse of the cockpit may be installed. The strap may be padded for comfort with any material and shock cords may be used in the attachment”. Also note, line is supplied by the Builder for the attachment of the hiking strap and our rule 3.7 allows for replacement of the original line with different line.
<u>Interpretation:</u>	Allowed
<u>Reasoning:</u>	Rule 3.1.6 allows for a hiking strap with no provision that it must be provided only by the Builder. No stipulation is made in the current rules as to what a hiking strap must be made of or what it may or may not have as part of the strap. Although no provision is made in the rules for the addition of hardware such as a D-shackle as seen in one of the pictures below, it might be argued that the D-shackle is part of the hiking strap.
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Grommets added to end of hiking strap and simple tensioning line used to create an adjustable hiking strap



Same version but with no grommets added to hiking strap



Same arrangement with grommet section connected to aft end of hiking strap with D-shackle