

QUESTION:

Where is the rigging point if a “u” shaped fitting is riveted over the lower part of the hook terminal into the mast?

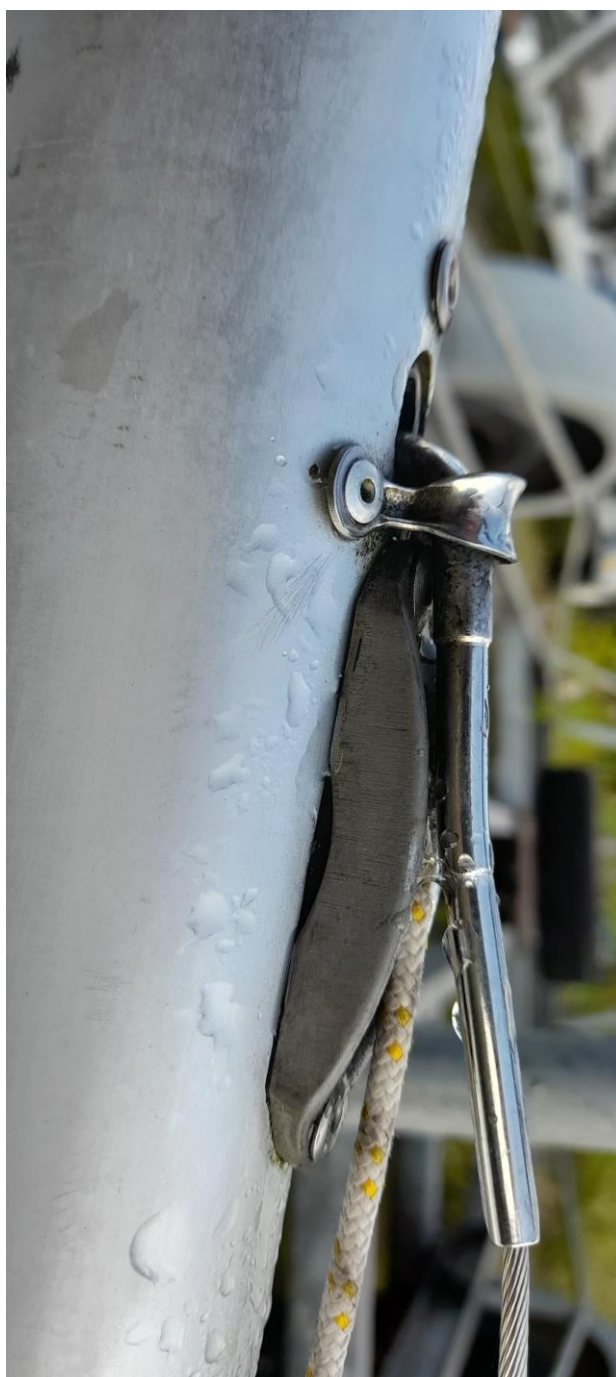


Fig 1. Forestay Rigging Point

Relevant Class Rules: (Effective Class Rules at the time: 15/11/2022)

C.9.3 JIB

(a) USE

- (1) The highest point of the **sail**, projected at 90° to the mast **spar**, shall not be set above the **forestay rigging point**.

F.2.3 DEFINITIONS

(a) Mast Datum Point

The **mast datum point** is a point on the fore side of the **mast** given by the **forestay height I** according to the design measured from the **rigging point**. See G.2.4 and G.4.2. The **mast datum point** shall be marked by a punch.

Relevant Equipment Rules of Sailing: (2021-2024 Version)

F.2.3 Mast Dimensions

(e) RIGGING POINT

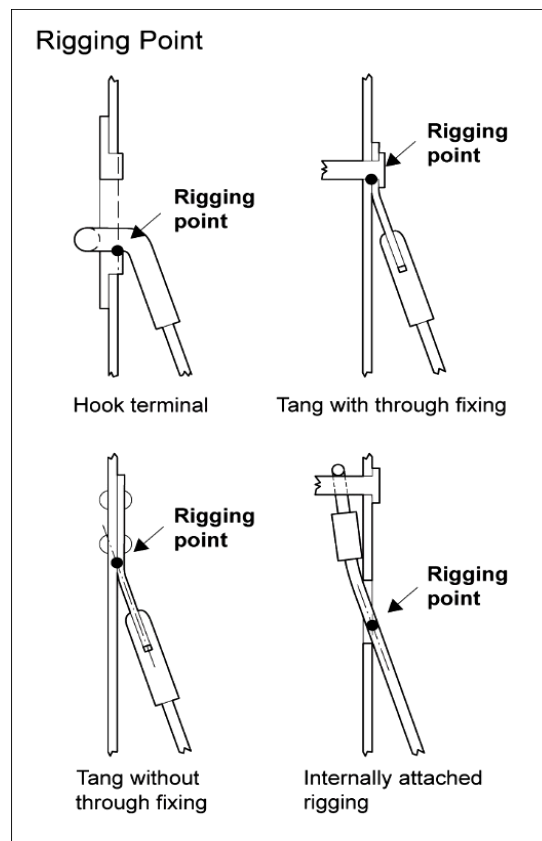
When **rigging** is attached:

BY HOOK TERMINAL: The lowest point of the hook where it intersects the **spar**, extended as necessary.

BY TANG WITH THROUGH FIXING: The lowest point of the **spar** through fixing where it intersects the **spar**.

BY EYE WITH BOLT OR OTHER THROUGH FIXING: The lowest point of the **spar** bolt, or through fixing, where it intersects the **spar**.

IN OTHER WAYS: The intersection of the outside of the **spar**, extended as necessary, and the centreline of the **rigging**.



Consideration:

1. The hook terminal is the main way of attaching the rigging.
2. The fitting is not holding the shrouds/forestay.
3. The attachment of the rigging is by the hook terminal.

Interpretation:

A “u” shaped fitting riveted over the lower part of the hook terminal into the mast does not change the way the rigging is attached to the mast. Therefore, the rigging point is still to be found as per ERS F.2.3 (e) “BY HOOK TERMINAL” definition.