

Melges 24 Class Rule Change Proposal

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Title of the motion, amendment, nomination

F.3.3(b) FITTINGS

Topics concerned

	Constitution		Events
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	Regatta Regulations		General Policies
	Nomination		

Current Rule:

F.3.3(b) Spreader, including the spreader bar, to the approved design shall only be supplied by the licensed builder. The spreader shall be connected with the spreader bar only.

The upper shroud shall be retained in the spreader tip in one of two ways:

- (i) For newer style, black spreaders: the upper shroud shall use the builder supplied retention clip or,*
- (ii) For older style, white spreaders: the upper shroud may either be captive (as originally supplied) or retained with seizing wire in a slot cut into the spreader tip, parallel to the leading edge, no greater than 5.4mm in width and extending no further inboard than the original hole. Seizing wire may be threaded through two additional holes of the minimum necessary diameter, drilled for this purpose.*

Stop swage balls are required above and below the spreader tip in all applications.

Proposed New Rule:

F.3.3(b) Spreader, including the spreader base, shall only be supplied by the licensed builder.

The upper shroud shall be retained in the spreader tip only using equipment supplied by the licensed builder at time of certification except for older style, white spreaders, which may be modified to retain the shroud with seizing wire in a slot cut into the spreader tip, parallel to the leading edge, no greater than 5.4mm in width and extending no further inboard than the original hole. Seizing wire may be threaded through two additional holes of the minimum necessary diameter, drilled for this purpose.

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Reason:

The Selden mast does not utilize a cross bar design so the class rules must be altered to allow for a different spreader base design as supplied at the discretion of the licensed builder with class approval. With the new wording of this section, it is not required to describe the retention of the shroud at the spreader tip unless it differs from the originally supplied part with the exception as described with the modification allowed on the older white spreaders.