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Request for an interpretation of IOM rules G.3.1(a)(3) and  
G.4.1(a)(3) re seams from Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc.

The rule that states that seams on IOM sails should not deviate more than 10mm from a straight line between luff and leech was introduced in the 2002 class rules.

The word "between" as used in these rules is ambiguous.

To explain the ambiguity consider the two uses of "between" in the following two sentences.

1. Paris is between Amiens and Orleans.
2. There is a road between Amiens and Orleans.

Using the sense in sentence 1. any seam anywhere on the sail will be "between" the luff and the leech. ie in the location or space between the luff and the leech (which is the whole sail).

Using the sense in sentence 2. would require the seam to be between some point on the luff and a point on the leech.

We request clarification of this rule.

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