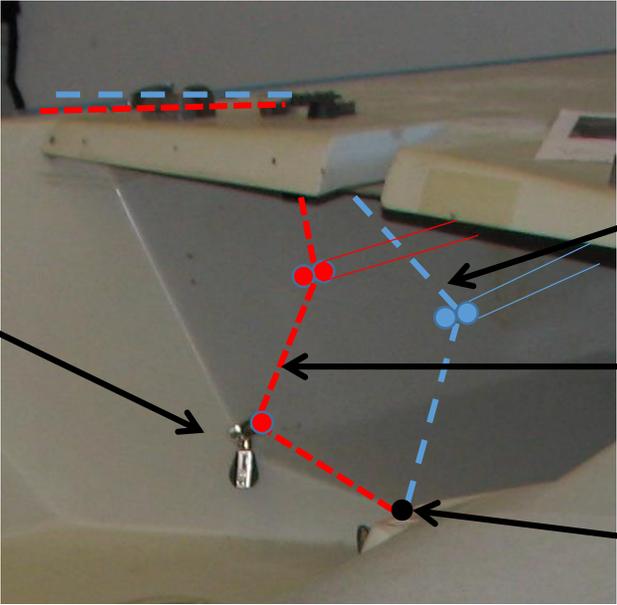


**Additional Block in Jib Halyard System – Adds Rule 8.6 to the Equipment and Fittings Section**

*This proposed rule change would permit the addition of a pad eye and turning block for the jib halyard located on the port side-tank directly athwartship of the mast. The floating fine tune double block would ride on the halyard between the port side-tank block and the through-deck sheave above. This change would enable a much fairer leads than the current setup, decreasing failure-inducing forward stress on the jib halyard-turning block pad-eye on the mast and off-angle wear on the through-deck sheave. This set-up is proven and in use on several of the older Vipers. The cost of this optional change is minimal – just a pad eye and single swivel block. Paul Zimmerman at Rondar recommends adding a couple layers of reinforcing fiberglass on the inside of the tank of the newer boats at the new attachment point which is easily reached from the forward bulkhead inspection port.*

Approximate location for the optional new pad eye and a block. *This is an older boat that did not have the jib halyard fine tune installed on both sides yet. Note that the pad eye base was intentionally bent and installed around the corner in this case.*



Current Rondar set up (blue)

Proposed optional set up with additional block (red)

Jib halyard block attached to port side of (invisible) mast

