

## Equipment Rules of Sailing

### Rule C.6.3(e)(iv)

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To clarify that **variable ballast** may also be movable.

#### Proposal

##### **C.6.3 Boat Control Definitions**

###### (e) BALLAST

Weight installed to influence the stability, flotation or total weight of the **boat**.

**Ballast** types:

###### (iv) VARIABLE BALLAST

Water **ballast** the amount of which may be varied. It may be moved.

#### Current Position

As above

#### Reason

1. Currently the ERS definition of **variable ballast** indicates that the amount of water ballast may be varied. It does not stipulate if it may be moved in its position
  2. It is common practice amongst boats which carry water ballast to move the water either via pump or gravity between different tanks on the boat.
  3. The proposal looks to clarify the position that water ballast may be varied in amount as well as adjusted in position.
  4. This does not have any effect on RRS 51 as the ERS definition is only applicable if used by **class rules** where they would need to amend RRS 51.
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