

Equipment Rules of Sailing

ERS Definitions, ERS G.6

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Purpose or Objective

Add “batten” and “corner boards” to the definitions of Sail Reinforcements

Proposal

Add G 6.7 as follows:

BATTEN

A detachable stiffening other than corner boards and sail reinforcements.

Add G 6.8 as follows

CORNER BOARDS

A permanently fixed stiffening other than batten or sail reinforcements.

Current Position

None

Reasons

1. G 1.4 (n) declares STIFFENING as “corner boards and battens” but neither corner boards nor battens are defined in the ERS.
 2. The difference between corner boards and battens needs explanation.
 3. Batten pockets are defined, used and explained in the ERS to some extent, but it is unclear what a batten might be and what is the difference to a corner board.
 4. In ERS H 5.1. c) it says “for measurement, a sail shall have all battens removed” again without saying what battens are. (thus making it clear, that battens need to be removable)
 5. Corner boards are widely used and known, but with sail heads getting bigger and wider for modern designs, we feel the need for a definition of “batten” and “corner board” as fixed battens are used in sail heads as stiffening – permanently attached to the sail.
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