**Equipment Rules of Sailing**

**G.1.4(b) Definition of Ply**

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

**Purpose or Objective**

To change the definition of ply as defined within the ERS.

**Proposal**

To amend ERS G.1.4(b) to read as follows:

**ERS G.1.4(b) – Ply**

A sheet of sail material which may be made up of a number of layers

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reasons**

1. Formatting used does not replicate the ISAF requirement due to ERS terminology in bold. All additional text is shown as underlined only.

2. Without a definition of “layers”, this becomes a misleading definition which starts to conflict with the definition *woven ply* and *laminated ply*.

3. Creates a contradiction where “layers” is used in the inferior sense in the definition of *ply* but is then used in the superior sense in the definition of *primary reinforcement* and *secondary reinforcement*.

4. Proposal is to remove the contradictions and create a definition that is easily understood.