Equipment Rules of Sailing

G.1.4(n) - Stiffening

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To delete the definition of stiffening and replace with separate definitions of corner boards and battens.

Proposal

Delete ERS G.1.4(n) Stiffening as follows:

ERS G.1.4(n) STIFFENING

Corner boards and battens.

Add new ERS G.1.4(n) Batten

ERS G.1.4(n) BATTEN

Any material added to the sail, as either a removable, permanent or other element the purpose of which is to support and/or stiffen the sail.

Add new ERS G.1.4(o) Corner boards

ERS G.1.4(o) CORNER BOARD

A batten at a corner to which running rigging is attached.

Renumber remainder of ERS G.1.4 accordingly.

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. Currently the ERS definition of stiffening does not adequately allow class rules to use it as corner boards and battens can be two very different objects on the sail.

3. By providing two separate definitions for battens and corner boards, it allows classes to implement one or the other within their rules as either a prohibited, permitted or controlled item.