Equipping Rules of Sailing

Rule G.1.4(b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee

Purpose or Objective

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

Proposal

G.1.4 Sail Construction

(b) PLY

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

Current Position

As above

Reason

1. Without a definition of “layers”, this becomes an ambiguous definition which may be inconsistent with the definition woven ply and laminated ply.

2. Creates a contradiction where “layers” is used in the definition of ply but is then used in the definition of primary reinforcement and secondary reinforcement.

3. Proposal is to remove the inconsistencies and create a definition that is easily understood.