

## Equipment Rules of Sailing

### C.6.3(e)(iv) – Variable ballast

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

#### Purpose or Objective

To amend the definition of ERS C.6.3(e)(iv) Variable Ballast

#### Proposal

To amend new ERS C.6.3(e)(iv) to read as follows:

ERS C.6.3(e)(iv) Variable Ballast

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

#### 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 water ballast indicates that the amount of water ballast may be varied. It does not stipulate if it may be moved in its position.
  3. 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.
  4. The proposal looks to clarify the position that water ballast may be varied in amount as well as adjusted in position.
  5. 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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