

## 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.
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