

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.
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