

Submission: **NED 3**

Reporting committee: **ITC**

INTERNAL BALLAST

PROPOSAL

To add a pitch gyration adjustment factor for internal ballast.

RATIONALE

We have observed that a lot of top-scoring boats use substantial amounts of internal ballast. As this ballast can be placed in an optimum location regarding pitch gyration this gives those boats usually an advantage in waves compared to boats that have this weight in accommodation or construction.

Similar adjustments factors are already in place for items such as a carbon fiber mast or carbon fiber rudder, so to add one for internal ballast seems logical. As the weight of internal ballast is recorded anyway, this change would not affect time or effort needed for measurement.