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### **Statement by Tom Ehman, GGYC spokesperson**

**Valencia (February 2, 2010)** – Competitors will be able to use water ballast in the coming 33<sup>rd</sup> America's Cup commencing in Valencia on Monday, provided that the amount used to benefit performance is also in position when the boat is measured.

This verdict of the International Jury was made tonight following a hearing in Valencia.

“It puts the onus on the measurer to guarantee that the amount and location of ballast aboard for measurement is solely to enhance performance, not circumvent the waterline requirements of the Deed of Gift,” said GGYC spokesman Tom Ehman.

The Deed of Gift sets an absolute limit of 90ft on the load waterline (LWL) for single-masted vessels.

“This means Alinghi might squeeze under the 90ft limit for measurement, release the ballast and then may race a boat longer than 90ft LWL,” Ehman said. “We don't fully agree with the decision, but GGYC accepts it, and are ready to race.”

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