

Series Notice of Race

British Keelboat League 2022

Attachment X –Damage



It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the Series. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment intends to help minimise damage whilst ensuring penalties are consistent; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

X1. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

- X1.1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the series without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- X1.2 Each skipper and crew is liable for up to £1000 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- X1.3 Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authorities to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authorities is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

X2. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- X2.1 An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident using the table shown in Damage Levels.
- X2.2 The initial assessment is for the purpose of Points Penalties only and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether the level turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the points penalty given on the water but may affect any damage associated costs.

X3. POINTS PENALTY

- X3.1 The umpires may impose an appropriate Points Penalty to boats that break rule 14. Points Penalties may be applied to a boats' race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.
- X3.2 The umpires may penalise breaches of RRS rule 14 without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. The team shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and, at the time of being so informed, may request a hearing.
- X3.3 The Protest Committee may impose additional penalties if it has good reason to do so.

X4. DAMAGE LEVELS

Level	Extent	Effect	Points Penalty
Level A <i>Minor Damage</i>	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.	Half point
Level B <i>Significant Damage</i>	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.	Three quarters point

Level C <i>Major Damage</i>	The normal operation of the boat is compromised, and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.	One point
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DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS

- X4.1 The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.
- X4.2 If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authorities will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authorities.
- X4.3 Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authorities may:
 - (a) add an administrative fee of £30 per invoice for the increased work load of chasing payment;
 - (b) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
 - (c) report the team members to the PC for investigation under RRS 69
 - (d) reject any future entries from the Club; Skipper; or crew.

The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.