

## Answer to anticipated tiller question

When the race umpires think there was *damage*, under D2.3 (2) they may fly a Black Flag and hold a hearing to assess a points penalty.

The Zim supplied tillers appear to be a bit fragile, therefore the following damage penalty guidance is necessary.

Bent tillers, no matter how severely bent, will not by themselves be considered *damage* for the purposes of a points penalty. If a tiller is bent during an incident in which further, more *serious damage* results, the bent tiller may be taken into account when a points penalty is considered. See World Sailing Case 141.

If the only damage resulting from an incident is a broken tiller then the incident is more likely to result in a points penalty of no more than 1/2 race win.

Some of the things which the PC will take into account will be:

whether the collision was the result of reckless or dangerous sailing,

bad luck,

was it possible for the right of way boat to avoid contact,

did the right of way boat do anything to mitigate the collision,

was the contact intentional or foreseeable? See Rule 14.

This guidance will not act as a constraint for incidents involving more *serious damage* or other rule(s) breaches such as that of Rule 2 or 69.