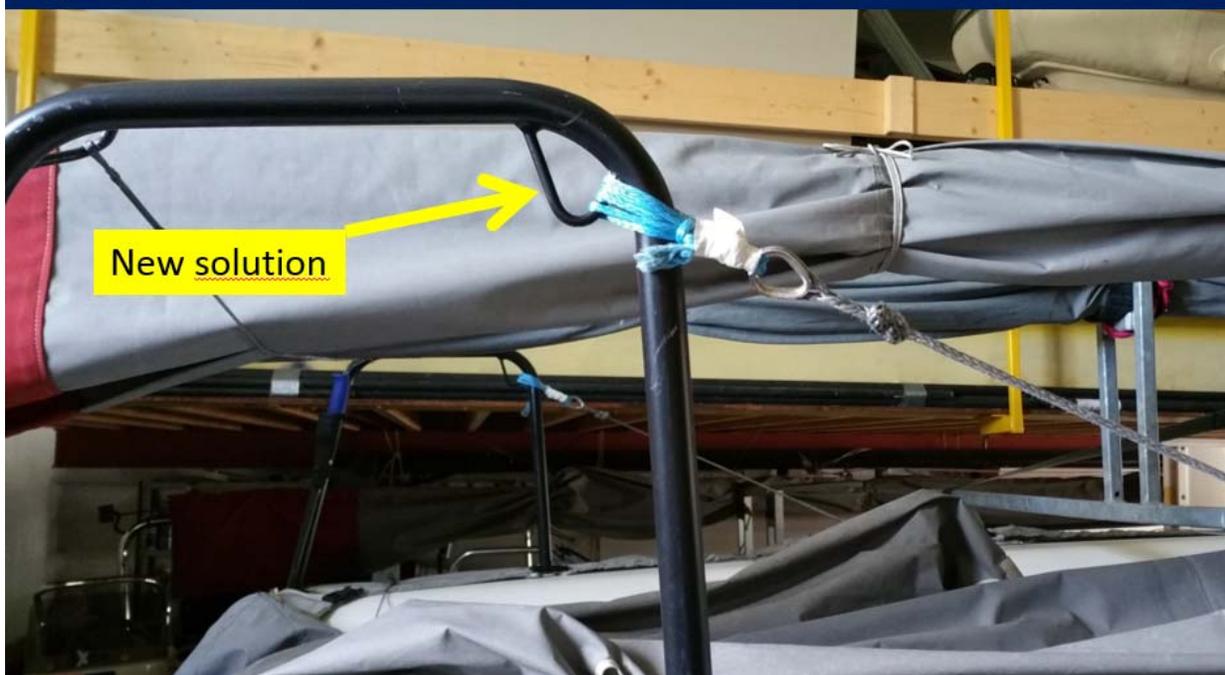


1) **Life line attachment eye on stern rail** – allow to weld on inside of rail (picture coming tomorrow) necessary.

a. Why? So you don't get it up your ass when working the boat downwind, AND life line attachment will be stronger.

b. Supplementary arguments: Minimal cost for existing and new boats.



2) Rudder Gudgeon. The gudgeon keep coming of the boats. The discussion has been up several times. Understanding that coming to a new construction takes time and money; why are boat owners not allowed to make stronger arrangements until a new solutions is ready.

- a. Why? Unnecessary breakdowns for boats racing – being put out of the entire regatta series.
- b. Supplementary arguments: This is not a “performance addition” to the boats, but rather a matter of being out there and have fun, versus having a break down. Also the new screws supplied on new boats are not sufficient. The gudgeon construction itself is to weak. Until sufficient solution is offered, boat owners shall be allowed to make own arrangements (see picture). And finally, why are boats allowed to use expensive customized copper solutions on rudder systems?
- c. As boats age the transom of the M24 become softer and will be more exposed to the great loads from gudgeons and rudder straps.

Solution: Updated rudder gudgeon design with 4 additional M6 bolts (one in each corner to help stabilize the gudgeon).

- + Increased safety for sailors
- + Minimal cost
- + Less «downtime» during events





3) Number of races at European and World Championships shall be limited to 10 and max 5 racing days

a. Why max 10 races? Middelfart was a good regatta but we have to little time on shore. Not enough time to be with families coming to the regatta with sailors, AND the opportunity to socialize with other sailors. The argument for going to Ocean Reef in 2005 was “bring your family”. But given so many races I barely saw them the entire week. In Middelfart there was a constant pressure on making 14 races, so we came in late. So late that there was no time to spend with sailors and socialize.

Supplementary arguments: The requirement of having 14 races sometimes leaves the PRO with choosing between quantity and quality, sometimes resulting in bad races. Why do the Dragon class (which is such a terrible boat to sail) attract so many sailors? It is well organized with a great social programme, and they sail only 6-7 races per Championship.

b. Why 5 racing days: The time away from work shall be maximum 5 working days. With racing from Tuesday till Saturday , sailors can make both preparations and logistics when leaving home on a Friday/Saturday, arriving back on Sunday.

Supplementary arguments: If you want to attract more sailors (the regular “bay sailor” constitutes the majority of the class) it has to be combined with work an family matters.