

# Attachment X- Damage

British Keelboat League 2025

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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 and all crew 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 event, series and future events without a hearing.
- X1.2 Each skipper and crew are 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 Authority to determine. The Organising Authority may consider any recommendations of the Protest Committee. Subject to RRS 61, the decision of the Organising Authority 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 X4 - 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. Damage Levels

The following table provides guidance on the scoring penalty which may be imposed on any boat subject to an Umpire decision under RRS 14 as changed in Appendix UF British Keelboat League Series 2025.

| Damage Level   | A   | B  | C   |
|----------------|---|--|---|
|                | <i>Minor Damage</i>   | <i>Significant Damage</i>  | <i>Major Damage</i>   |
| Points Penalty | 2pts  | 5pts   | 10pts   |
| Extent         | Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.  | Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat  | The normal operation of the boat is compromised, and its structural integrity may be impaired.  |
| Effect         | The boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event.<br>Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work. | The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again.<br>Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work. | The boat will need some repair work before racing again.<br>Requires more than 3 hours of work. |

**X4. 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 Authority 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 Authority.

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 Authority may:

- (a) add an administrative late payment fee of £30 per invoice;
- (b) disqualify the team in question without a hearing;
- (c) report the team members to the Protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69
- (d) reject any future entries from the Club; Skipper; or crew in British Keelboat League Association linked events.
- (e) Report the team to the British Keelboat League Association, their clubs and the RYA

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