

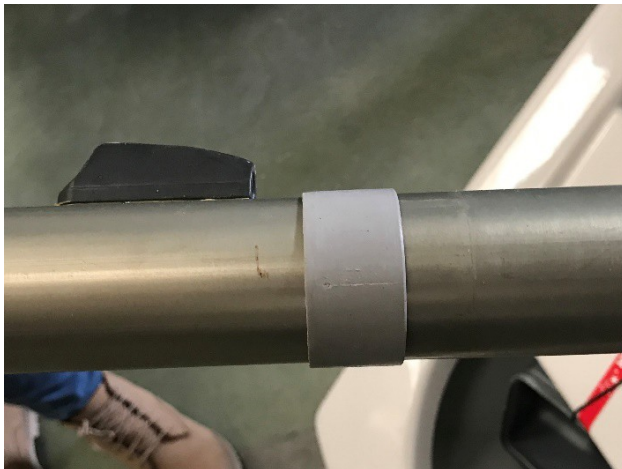
MAST COLLARS

It has been drawn to the attention of the Technical Committee that there may be issues with some mast collars that allow too much movement, which is therefore a breach of class rules.

This can be caused by general wear and tear whilst sailing, but we are also aware there could be an issue with some newer mast collars that need checking.

Whilst you are not able to go out and sail your boat, it is the time to do maintenance on your boat to get ready for when we can all go out sailing again. If you find movement as illustrated below, you may need to change the collars/sleeves before you attend the next IODA event.

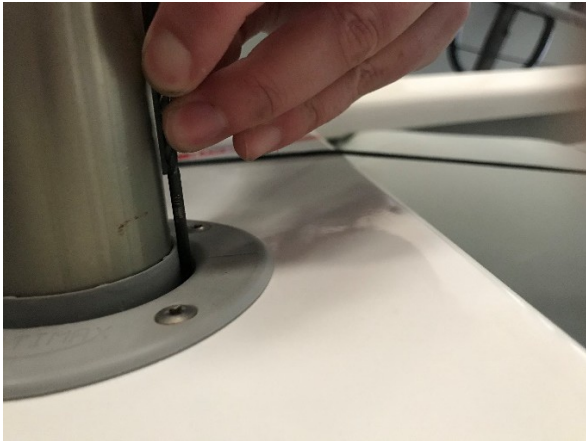
Mast Sleeve



1. Check your mast sleeve is not worn or cracked and in a good position on the mast.



2. Now check the mast Collar on your boat. Check the mast collar is not worn or cracked and well bolted into the thwart and none of the bolts are loose.



3. Now put the mast into the boat and check for movement.



4. If there is more than 3mm movement, you need to replace it.

Please refer to Class Rules 3.2.2.13 regarding the diameter of the mast collar and class rule:

3.2.6.1 (f) which states *that movement of the mast at the mast step or the passage of the mast through the mast thwart should not be able to exceed 3mm in any horizontal direction.*