**Damage Procedure**

Before Racing

Teams should check their boats carefully, and notify the OA of any pre-existing damage. This damage should be photographed and taped. A list of these damages should be made.

Contact during races

1. Following any contact the race umpires concerned shall radio to the designated Match Support (Bosun) and give the following information.
   1. Boats involved
   2. Where the contact took place, e.g. No. 6 port quarter.
   3. The boat at fault.
2. After the race Match Support will assess the damage and decide on the level, and communicate this to the umpires.
3. The Umpires then inform the skippers of the decision and the points penalty (if any). The skipper(s) have the right to a hearing.
4. Match Support must keep a record of the damage, together with photographs and report this to the OA.
5. The Umpires shall make a record of the incident and inform the RO so that the scores may be adjusted.

Payment for Damage

1. In the case of damage the skipper shall be required to pay the OA before sailing the next day.
2. In the event that the damage occurs on the last day of sailing the cost of the damage may either be deducted from the damage deposit or paid in cash.
3. As the costs are purely an estimate, when the actual bill is presented any refund should be made immediately to the skipper.
4. The payment for damage is purely a matter between the competitor and the OA.