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Dear TriFoiler Customers,

We have discovered that the transoms of a number of boats need to be reinforced in the area around the lower rudder gudgeon. We have a very simple method of making the transoms stronger. The method involves replacing the plastic spacer with an aluminum plate which will help distribute the loads to a much larger part of the transom. By the way, the spacer is necessary to maintain the proper geometry of the rudder. With out the spacer the rudder is not balanced and the loads on your feet on the steering pedals will get very large.

In order to do the job you will need a phillips head screw driver, and 7/16" wrench and a drill with a 1/4" drill bit. If you do not feel comfortable doing the job, then please let me know and we will find someone who can. The reinforcement is covered under warranty.

Installing the Aluminum Plate

- 1) Remove the 4 bolts that are holding on the lower gudgeon and remove the plastic spacer.
- 2) Replace the plastic spacer with the aluminum plate. Reinstall the four screws with some sealant which is supplied .
- 3) Drill 4 - 1/4" holes through the four holes in the aluminum plate and through the transom. Install the 4 - 1/4" screws through the plate and transom and install the lock nuts with washer on the inside of the rear compartment. Install the screws with sealant so the transom does not leak.

You should have received a new video owners manual for your TriFoiler and we encourage you to have a look at it and make sure you understand all of it.

As always I hope you are having a great time with your TriFoiler.

Sincerely;

Greg Ketterman Ext. 203