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Dear TriFoiler Customers,

We have discovered that the weld that holds a bracket together may be suspect. This bracket is the link between the mast and the compression strut. The part is made of bent u-bracket welded to a threaded stainless steel rod. The threaded stainless steel rod is the part screwed into the end of the compression strut. If the weld fails the mast will fall; therefore, we are replacing the bracket.

We have also changed the design of the part so that the compression strut has more freedom to articulate. In the past the compression strut was not allowed to articulate far enough relative to the mast and so if the compression strut were allowed to swing down relative to the mast the bracket would be over stressed. Now the compression strut will be allowed to swing parallel to the mast without binding and being overstressed.

To Install the New Bracket

First remove the old brackets. Take note of which shroud is on which mast and take note of how the shrouds are attached so that the fore stay is going forward and not the back stay. Now using a 3/16" punch or a nail or a small screw driver and a hammer, drive out the roll pin which fastens the plastic block to the shroud pin. With the roll pin removed the shroud pin will slide out of the casting and plastic block. Do not lose the plastic washer. Reinstall the bracket and plastic block. Use the supplied screw which is simply tapped into the plastic block to replace the roll pin. We have deemed the roll pins to be unreliable.

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

Good sailing;

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