



## **Q&A – Rudders**

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### **Question:**

My sons' optimist is an old *fibreglass* boat build in the mid 90's. Its in good condition and still on weight.

However, it has the old-style wooden rudder. I want to upgrade to a more modern shape, but due to costs need to build my own. I will build it out of marine ply.

The 2018 rules seem to state that only epoxy rudder may be used unless the boat is a wooden boat. Am I correct? So, if I make a rudder out of marine ply I would violate this rule - can you confirm?

### **Answer:**

In relation to Class Rule 3.4.1.1 it states:

*Boats shall use epoxy rudders as specified below. Wood or wood epoxy boats may use either wood or epoxy rudders. Rudders presented for first measurement before 28 February 2005 and used on boats measured before that date may conform to the rules valid before 1st March 2004.*

Based on this class rule as your son is using a "fibreglass boat" he must use an epoxy rudder in compliant with class rule 3.4.