

Taken From "2018 Chairman's Dit" by Richard Wadsworth

Boat Developments

In order to improve the boat's resilience, sailability and keep it feeling modern; a number of minor changes have been made recently by the Builder and Class Association:

1. **Daggerboard:** The vote to allow the adoption of the RS Aero daggerboard has been approved and all new RS700s will still be supplied with this style of daggerboard. When current stocks of the old RS700 board have been exhausted they will no longer be available. Old and new style boards are class legal.
2. **Rudder Stock:** The use of the new style one piece rudder stock with carbon tiller is now standard issue with the new boats and is class legal.
3. **Hull Structure:** A new hull mould has now been produced. The internal structure of the new boats has been modified to increase the strength of the more fragile areas of the hull. It also features modifications such as an inspection hatch and a non-raking daggerboard slot.
4. **Gooseneck:** In recognition that that the original goosenecks could fail, a new stronger gooseneck can be purchased from RS.
5. **Spreader Brackets:** A set of nylon inserts can be bought from RS that go inside the spreader brackets to prevent the bolt holes wearing through.

As a reminder, from last season (2017):

1. **Kicking Strap:** The purchase on this can now be increased from 16:1 to 24:1. This is to make it easier to apply; not to let you pull more on - so use with caution!
2. **Rig Tensioner:** The purchase on the rig tensioner can now be increased from 6:1 up to a maximum of 12:1 (although most now use 8:1 or 10:1). This is to prevent you having to stand on your boat to apply the required tension!

See the latest RS700 Rules version 8 Feb 2018 here:

<https://www.rs700.org/documents/p1c72esu1m11up1kgig9u1ciq1bld3.pdf>