

This addendum links from the main skeg repair article on UKSKGB at http://www.ukseakayakguidebook.co.uk/skeg_repair/art_skeg_repair.htm and was provided by Tom Fuller.

There is a known problem with getting the wire to pass into the metal tube – John Norris details the solution in this addendum - http://www.ukseakayakguidebook.co.uk/skeg_repair/2004_capella_2.pdf

Just done the skegs on a couple of plastic Capellas, I think they are 2004 models.

There are a few differences to your very useful article.

Firstly, the skeg control is a wee plastic handle on a tubular slider. The slider goes through a couple of skin fittings, and the cable goes through the tube, where it is secured with a screw that goes through the plastic handle and into the tube.



Removing the screw (philips head) allows the cable to be withdrawn. That is, if the head of the screw does not immediately shear out leaving a really tricky job to drill out 15mm of screw without destroying the plastic toggle! I opted to drill it all out a bit larger, then fill the void with araldite, and then drill out the araldite to the right size for a new screw....what a carry on!

Next, the cable is attached into the skeg differently.



As you can see, the cable has been moulded into the plastic. I thought this might be game over, but I put the cable into a vice and started twisting - as if to unscrew the cable from the skeg. Fortunately they both came out like this. I'd recommend snugging the skeg right up against the vice before you start tightening - when I didn't do this the cable started to crack and fray and I thought it might just twist off.

I then cleaned out the hole with a wee drill. As you can see there are a couple of slots where you can see the cable pass through, there are two the other side, which are aligned differently. I cleaned these out with the drill too as they are a good place to get lots of glue in.



Then as with yours I got plenty glue into all the holes, and worked the cable through it a few times to get it all well coated, then left to harden.

I also took out the "skin fittings" and the slider in its entirety, cleaned it up and sealed it back in with some mastic.

All seems good! For reference the cable was 3mm and 220cm.

Cheers, Tom.