



## User Guide: Sapele Tiller



**Purpose:** Steering lever attached to the head of the rudder.

**Material:** Sapele wood, protected with three coats of spar varnish. Unless requested by customer, tiller will not be pre-drilled for rudder attachment or tiller extension hardware, as these vary widely.

### Installation:

1. Tiller in image above is oriented with the left end pointing towards the bow. The downward-angled end on the right is designed to fit standard rudder check attachment straps for Sunfish and similar boats.
2. Drill holes for rudder and tiller extension hardware as needed. Protect exposed internal surfaces of drill holes with several coats of spar varnish or similar.
3. Attach rear end of tiller (with canted end, right in image above) to rudder flange.
4. Attach tiller extension if used.
5. Optional – add a short length of thick felt to forward underside of tiller to protect boat deck from scratches. Felt is obtainable at most hardware stores, sold for the bottom of furniture legs.

**Maintenance:** As with other exposed parts of a sailboat, rinse tiller with clear water following sailing. Best is to store in the shade to prevent damage from sunlight / UV. Can be easily reconditioned as with any other wooden boat component.

Have Questions or Comments?

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