

What do sacrificial keels mean in reality?

These are pictures of a 2007 Leopard 46' that hit a reef on the south coast of Cuba. The sacrificial keels did the job they were supposed to do.



This is a picture of the hull after the 2 left-over's of the sacrificial keels were removed



The boat sat bouncing on the reef from 10pm till daylight. The Cuban coastguard pulled the Leopard 46' off the reef and asked the owner if his yacht was made of steel. The coastguard said that no fiberglass yacht had ever sat on the reef for more than a few hours before being totally destroyed. He would not believe that it was a fiberglass yacht.



No damage to the male-female part and you can see the holes for the 6 thru bolts.



Shark attack or grounding?



2007 Leopard 46' with keels taken off.

Our service agents installed new sacrificial keels in Ft Lauderdale. It took only 2 weeks to get a set of new keels shipped out from Cape Town. In spring of 2008 this yacht left Ft Lauderdale for another Atlantic crossing and the owner is happily cruising the Mediterranean. (and there are very few reefs in the Med compared to the Caribbean!).