

Telltales or „Woolies“

Telltales assist the blokart pilot to trim his/her sail for optimum shape and efficiency. Place telltales in three or four places on the sail on or around the seam where the coloured sail cloth meets the white, approximately 1/3 of chord back from the mast, you can also place one or two on the trailing edge (as pictured).

Apply green telltales to the right hand side (starboard) of the sail and red telltales on the left (port).

Tip: as the white area of the blokart sail is often transparent in the sunlight, apply the port telltales 100mm (4") lower than the starboard telltales so as not to confuse one side with the other when glancing up the sail.

Using telltales

- a. If the outside (leeward) telltale flutters or back drafts, sheet out or point up-wind a little.
- b. If the inside (windward) telltale flutters sheet in or bear away.
- c. Optimum trim is with the leeward telltales streaming back horizontally and the windward telltales streaming upwards a little.
- d. Control the telltales by combined use of the downhaul and sheeting angle and course sailed to achieve the best speed.

Note: Telltales are like the engine gauges in a sports car, they help tune your sail for optimum performance. This is just a brief explanation of telltale use. Please research this further



