

Rudder of Maneuverability II (from "Greyspace")

This device looks like a normal rudder that one would find on any terrestrial watercraft. It is highly enchanted, however, radiating a strong aura of evocation magic. It is often mistaken for the rudder of propulsion created by the magic-users of Wa on Toril, but it serves a completely different purpose.

When installed on the stern of a spelljamming vessel it improves the ship's Maneuverability Class by one category. It has no effect on vessels that are already Maneuverability Class A or B. Unlike the rudder of propulsion, the rudder of maneuverability does not work on a vessel that does not already have some form of spelljamming propulsion. A rudder saves as hard wood against magical attacks, acid, fire, crushing blows, and so forth. It is particularly susceptible to electricity-based attacks, however, and suffers a -2 penalty to saving throws against these threats.

Rudders of maneuverability are created by elven magic-users working in the shipyards of Cenbrea in the Greela cluster. Originally designed for ships of the Elven Imperial Navy, magic-users are permitted to sell them to elven crewed vessels. A buyer can expect to pay a lot of gold for this item. No one else is allowed to purchase a rudder from the Cenbrea shipyards. The punishment for breaking the law is severe, sometimes death for both the buyer and the seller. Enterprising individuals might be able to persuade an elven captain to sell a rudder, or could try bribing a shipyard worker at Cenbrea. In either case, the rudder costs at least 25,000 gp, not including the bribe.

XP Value: 5,000

GP Value: 25,000+

