

ABSTRACT**Bearing element for a rudder bearing**

In order to provide a bearing element, namely a bearing ring (15a, 15b) or a bearing bush (13a, 13b), of a rudder bearing (10) for mounting a rudder stock (50) or of a rudder trunk (51) of a rudder of a watercraft which can be installed and removed more easily or which can be produced or mounted more inexpensively, the bearing element (15a, 15b, 13a, 13b) is configured to be segmented and comprises at least three individual annular segments (17) which are each combined to form a homogeneous, inherently fixed bearing element, where the individual annular segments (17) each abut against at least two further annular segments (17) and where the annular segments (17) are interconnected by means of connecting means.

Fig. 3