

Tips and Tricks

- Use a grease pencil to write compass headings on your deck or on a clear piece of plastic mounted on the bulkhead.

- Put numbered reference scales along the outhaul, jib tracks, trailer, for duplications of settings.

- Place telltails about 6" aft of the jib luff. Keep them away from sail seams. To get rid of static - spray yarn telltails with lubricant.

- Place tennis balls with small cuts in bow chocks to avoid snags with spinnaker sheets.

- Cut line tails short to avoid tangles.

- Add a wire "bowsprit" about a foot long to catch and stop the spinnaker sheets from going under the boat.

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Copy the code flags (in color) from the US Sailing rule book, place in a ziplock bag and tape to the bulkhead.

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Put foam inside the top of the mast to stop rain from dripping into the cabin and creating water damage. The steps on Ensigns have been known to get soft.

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if you don't know, cassette tape makes great telltails. Put two on each upper shroud and two more on the backstay.

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Mark the spinnaker halyard with a mark matching one on the mast to insure that it is all the way up.

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For your outhaul put an eight to one magic box in your boom leading the line through a block by the gooseneck, to the deck and back to a lance cleat. Use very small line (1/8").

Know any other good tips? Email the Web Master