

Mk2 Rigging Manual V1





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1. Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your new RS Feva and thank you for choosing an RS product. We are confident that you will have many hours of great sailing and racing in this truly excellent design.

The RS Feva is an exciting boat to sail and offers fantastic performance. This manual has been compiled to help you to gain the maximum enjoyment from your RS Feva, in a safe manner. It contains details of the craft, the equipment supplied or fitted, its systems, and information on its safe operation and maintenance. Please read this manual carefully and be sure that you understand its contents before using your RS Feva.

This manual will not instruct you in boating safety or seamanship. If this is your first boat, or if you are changing to a type of craft that you are not familiar with, for your own safety and comfort, please ensure that you have adequate experience before assuming command of the craft. If you are unsure, RS, your RS dealer, or your national sailing federation – for example, the Royal Yachting Association – will be able to advise you of a local sailing school, or a competent instructor.

RS Sailing highly recommends using RS supplied equipment for usage and storing of your craft. Deviation from using RS supplied equipment, such as sails and storage solutions, will require consultation with RS Sailing. Failure to do so may affect Warranty claims and Goodwill outcomes.

Please keep this manual in a secure place and hand it over to the new owner if you sell the boat.

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2. RS Technical Data

Length Overall (LOA)	3.64m	12'0"	
Beam	1.42m	4'8"	
Hull Weight	68kg	136lb	
Reefing Mainsail	5.5m ²	57sq ft	
3 Batten Mainsail	6.5m ²	68sq ft	
Jib	2.1m ²	22sq ft	
Gennaker	7.0m ²	73sq ft	

3. Commissioning

3.1 Preparation

Your RS Feva comes complete with all the components necessary to take the boat sailing. In order to commission it, you will need the following tools:

- · Pliers, or a shackle key
- Screwdriver
- 13mm Spanner
- PVC Electrician's Tape

You may require other tools later, should you wish to make any setting or tuning adjustments to the boat or the rig.

DO NOT use a knife or other sharp object to cut through packaging containing parts – you may damage the contents!

Whilst your RS Feva has been carefully prepared, it is important that new owners should check that shackles and knots are tight. This is especially important when the boat is new, as traveling can loosen seemingly tight fittings and knots. It is also important to check such items regularly prior to sailing.



Having unpacked your RS Feva, you should check that you have all of the items listed below before throwing away any of the packing, as there may be some small items still wrapped.

Boat Pack:

QUANTITY	COMPONENT
1	Hull
1	Lower mast
1	Top mast
 1	Boom
1	Spinnaker Tray

Foil Kit:

QUANTITY	COMPONENT
1	Dagger Blade
1	Rudder Blade
1	Rudder Stock
1	Tiller
1	Tiller Extension

	QUANTITY	COMPONENT
88	2	Englefield Clip
	3	Plastic Bobble
	1	Nylon Spring Hook
	4	20mm block
	1	Single Jam Block and Becket
	3	27mm block
	2	Handle Tubes
	2	Shroud Eye Bolts
	2	Penny Washers
	2	M8 Nyloc Nuts
	2	M8 Dome Nuts
	2	Fixings for Spinnaker Tray
	2	Shroud Plates
o		Bowsprit



	QTY	COMPONENT
	1	Spinnaker Tray Rear
	2	Toe Strap Elastic (Front)
5	1	Toe Strap Elastic (Rear)
	1	Mainsheet Strop
	2	Righting Line
	2	Righting Line Elastic
	1	Daggerboard Retainer Elastic
	2	Carry Handles
	1	Spinnaker halyard
~~	2	Spinnaker Block ties
	1	Mainsheet
	1	Spinnaker Sheet
	1	Main Halyard
	1	Kicker Primary
	1	Kicker Cascade
	1	Downhaul
	1	Boom Strop
	1	Jib Sheet
	1	Jib Halyard
<u></u>	1	Jib Halyard Block

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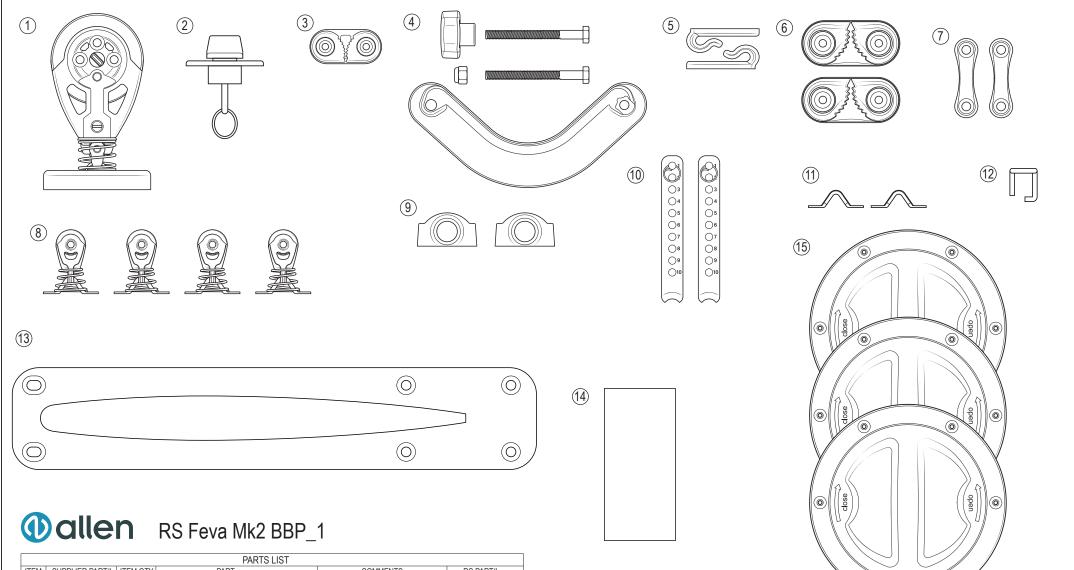
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	1	Club Jib
	1	Spinnaker

XL Club Sail Pack:

	QUANTITY	COMPONENT
P.S.	1	XL Mainsail
	1	Club Jib
	1	Spinnaker

XL Race Sail Pack

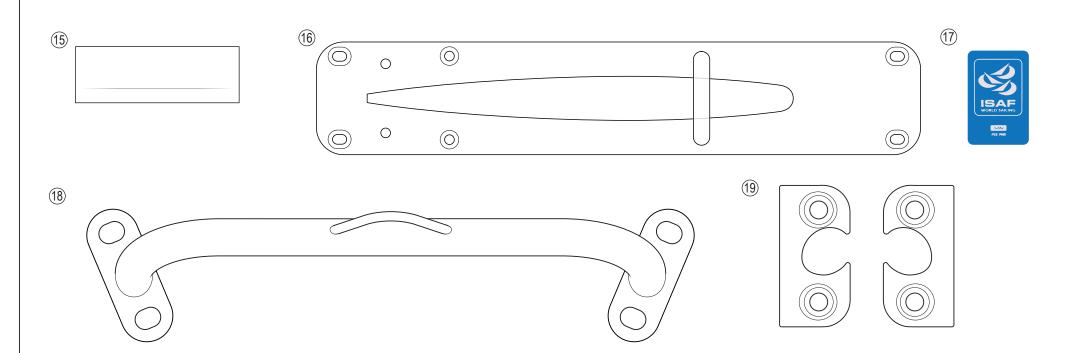
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RACE PACK	1	XL Mainsail
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	1	Spinnaker
	1	Race Pack



	PARTS LIST							
ITEM	SUPPLIER PART#	ITEM QTY	PART	COMMENTS	RS PART#			
1	RSFEVA-CP-A2160	1	Ratchet Block and Puk	Mainsheet	A2160 / RSM-HF-401			
2	A423	1	Transom Bung/Scket	Bung	A423			
3	A77	1	Ball Bearing CAM Cleat Alloy	Spinnaker Halyard	A.677			
4	A.107RS-SP	1	RS Feva Mast Gate Lever	Mast Gate	FEV-HF-200			
5	A.148	2	Lacing Hook - Nylon	Righting Lines	A.148			
6	A.676	2	Allennite CAM Cleat - Medium	Jib Sheets	A.676			
7	A.588	2	Over Fairlead For HA76	Jib Sheets	A.588			
8	A2020LZ	4	20mm Dynamic Ball Block Standup	Spinnaker Blocks	A2020LZ			
9	A4152BLACK	2	Bullseye With Insert	Jib Sheets	A4152			
10	A4372	2	Shroud Adjuster Small	Shrouds	A4372			
11	A4388	2	Fairlead For Mini Cam Cleat	Righting Lines	A4388			
12	A4665	1	Fairlead for A.577	Spinnaker Halyard	A4665			
13	AB.102	1	Centerboard Case 350mm	Daggerboard	FEV-HF-301			
14	BOW TUBE 110mm	1	Bow Tube 110mm Long	Spinnaker Pole	FEV-SP-908			
15	A1737	3	Internal Seal Hatch Cover – Small	Hatches	A1737			



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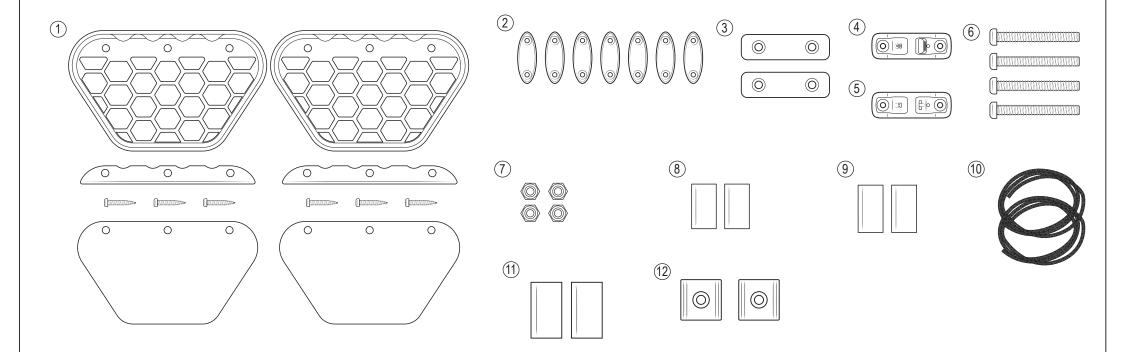




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15	DAGGER RUBBER ST	1	Daggerboard Rubber 100m	Daggerboard	FEV-HF-300		
16	FEVA CENTERBOARD	BOARD 1 RS Feva Centerboard Assembly		Daggerboard	FEV-HF-302		
17	FEVA PLAQUE	1	RS Feva ISAF Plaque	Sticker	N/A		
18	AB1788	1	RS Feva-Tack Bar	Tack Bar	NEW PART		
19	AB1798	1	RS Feva Bow Moulding Pair	Tack Bar	NEW PART		

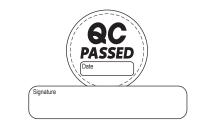


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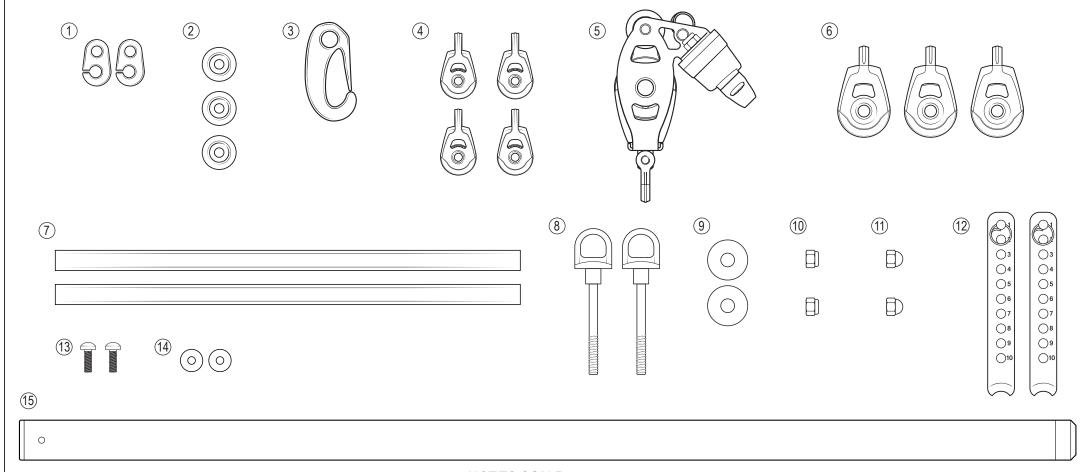


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1	480-534-01	2	Transom Drainage Assy, RS Zest	Transom Drains	ZES-HF-500			
2	480-363	7	Toestrap Attachment, 25mm Web	Toe Straps	480-363			
3	480-366	2	Backing Plate, Gudgeon ST	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	C16-HF-504			
4	480-014	1	Gudgeon 90x44x29 Comp	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	RSM-HF-506			
5	480-014-03	1	Rudder Gudgeon .Assy, Upper	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	C16-HF-502			
6	155-683	4	Screw MRT 6x55 ST	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	FIX-B6-P55			
7	158-005	4	Nyloc Nut M6 ST/NYL	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	FIX-N6-006			
8	480-384	2	Spacer Tube L=30, RS Cat	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	QUE-HF-504			
9	480-747	2	Spacer Tube L=33	Rudder - Gudgeon/Pintle Assy	480-747			
10	613-051	2	0.4m x4mm Black D12	Rear Towing loop	RIG12+04BLK			
11	480-566	2	Spacer Tube Ø16.5/Ø8.5-30	Tow Point	480-566			
12	480-371	2	Under Gunwhale Fairlead, Aero	Tow Point	AER-HF-901			



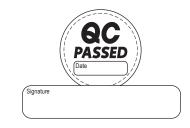
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ı	4	Remove Shroud items M Draysey 11/01/2023			NAME	Boat I	Pack:		
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1	A75	2	Inglefield Clip	Halyard Takeup	A75			
2	A.222BLACK	3	Stopper Knob 5mm Black	Spinnaker / Mainsheet Strop	R1901T			
3	A.359BLACK	1	Nylon Spring Hook Black	Daggerboard Retainer	A359			
4	A2020	4	20mm Ball Block Plain Bearing	Kicker / Jib Halyard	A2020			
5	A2039-CAM	1	Single Jam Block & Becket	Kicker	A2039-CAM			
6	A2030	3	27mm Plain Block	Mainsheet / Spinnaker Sheets	A2030P			
7	REARCARRY HANDLE	2	Back Handles	Handles	FEV-HF-500			
8		2	Eye Bolt, M8 x 69 ST	Shrouds	QUE-HF-304			
9 2		2	M8 Penny Washer ø24/8.4-2 A4-F	FIX-W8-002				
10		2	M8 Nyloc Nut	Shrouds	FIX-N8-008			
11		2	M8 Dome Nut	Shrouds	FIX-N8-001			
12	A4372	2	Shroud Adjuster Small	Shrouds	A4372			
13		2	M4 x 10 Torx button Hd bolt	Spinnaker Tray				
14		2	M4 'C' Washer	Spinnaker Tray	FIX-W4-001			
15	AB.160	1	Feva Bowsprit Complete 100cm	Spinnaker Pole	FEV-SP-500			



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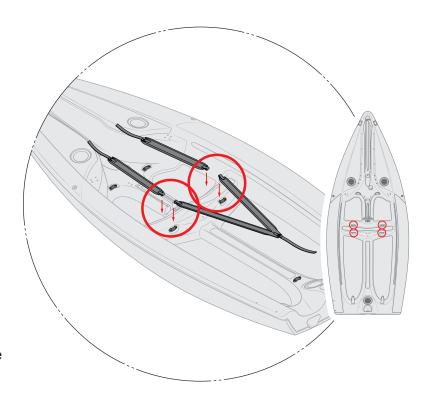
3.3 - Toestraps

Start by attaching the toestraps to the thwart across the middle of the cockpit.

To do this you will need a screwdriver.

Make sure you attach the toestraps the right way round. The ends with the webbing loop attach to the thwart. The ends with the buckle **DO NOT** attach to the thwart.

The forward toestraps are separate and the aft toestraps are joined together in a V shape.

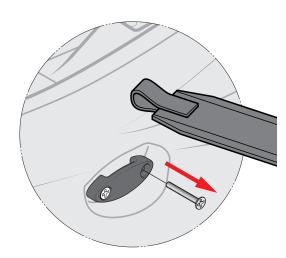


a) Remove **ONE** of the screws from the toestrap retainer on the thwart.

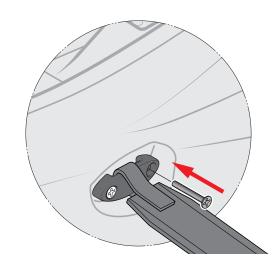


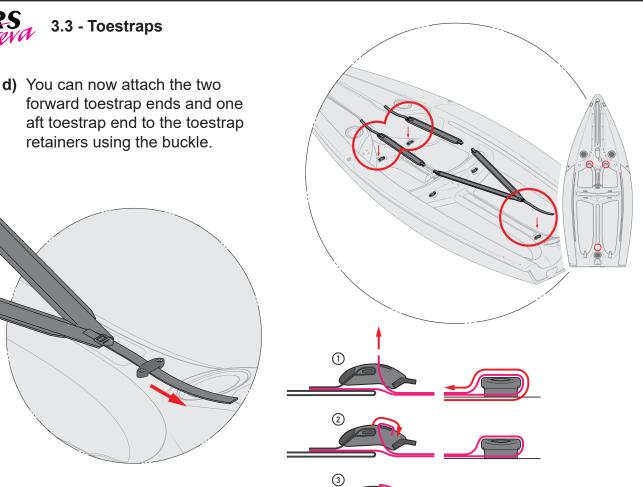
c) Rotate the toestrap retainer back into position and replace the screw.

Repeat for all four toestrap retainers on the thwart.



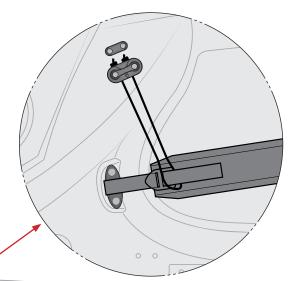
b) Rotate the toestrap retainer outwards to allow you to slide the webbing loop on the toestrap over it.

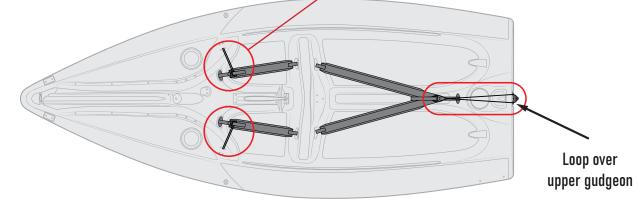




e) Find the two elastics (350mm long) in the rope kit. Before attaching the elastic, loosen off the straps, this will make fitting easier. Loosen off the screws in the jib cleat, feed one end of the elastic under the cleat and tie knot #3, feed the other end through the loop in the toe strap and then back under the cleat and tie off.

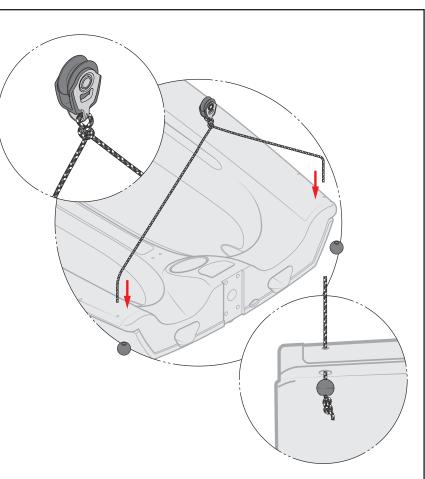
Find the elastic (950mm long) tie this elastic to the rear toestrap through the webbing loop behind the buckle. Then loop it over the top gudgeon and back to the webbing loop and tie off using a knot.





3.4 - Mainsheet Bridle

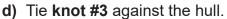
- a) Fold the rope in half and add the plan bearing block then tie a loop in the middle by doing an overhand knot.
- **b)** Pass each end through the rear strop holes on both sides.
- c) Thread a 4mm rope bobble on the end and tie **knot #3**.

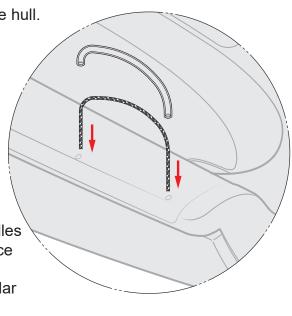


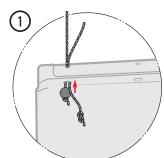


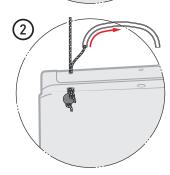
3.5 - Handles

- a) The rear carry handles are plastic pipe, cut at 220mm.
- **b)** Thread one end of rope down the same hole as the rope horse and tie **knot #3**.
- **c)** Thread the plastic pipe over the rope, then push the rope through the forward hole and pull tight so the handle stands up.









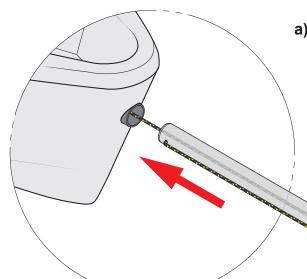




WARNING As these handles are used as a safety device to help get back into the boat, they should be regular checked, adjusted or replaced if damaged.



3.6 - Gennaker Pole



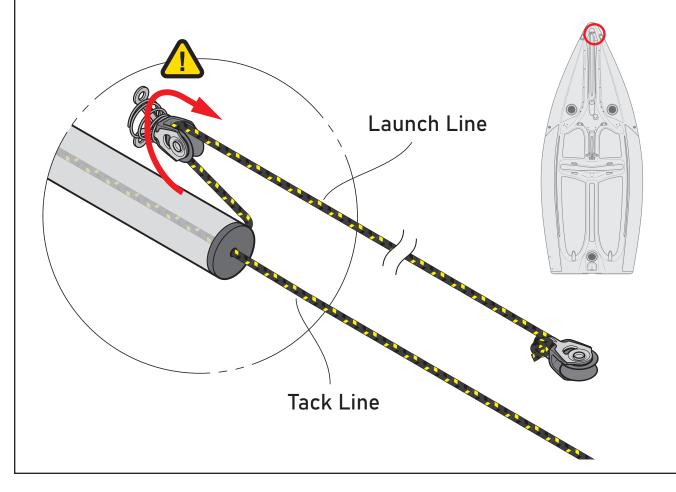
a) Pull the ropes through the spinnaker pole tube from outside to inside. The pole will be a little tight to get through the bearing because of the launch line. You will need to turn and push the pole until it has fully gone through the bearing.

Make sure the pole is laying flat in the pole gully.

b) Push the pole fully in. Connect the launch line rope. This goes from the pole, up to the Launch line block by the pole tube.



Ensure the pole outhaul line comes from the bottom of the block and out from the top, this will stop the pole twisting. Thread the rope through the block and tie an 20mm block on the end using **knot #1**.



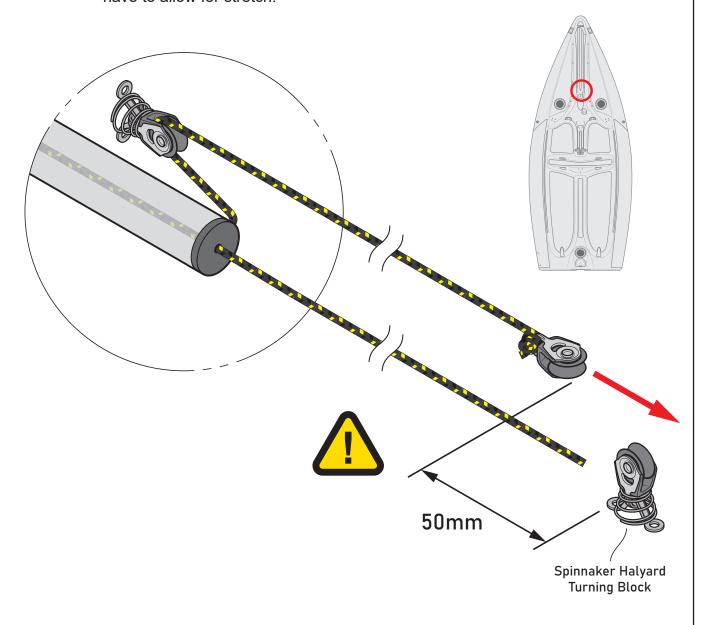


3.6 - Gennaker Pole

c) Pull the pole out via the launch line.



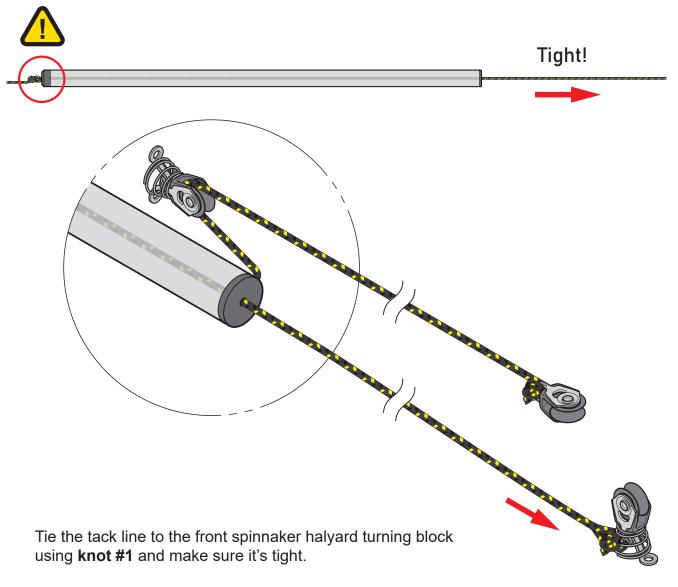
The block should be NO nearer than **50mm** from the front spinnaker halyard turning block under tension. If these blocks meet they will destroy each other. You also have to allow for stretch.



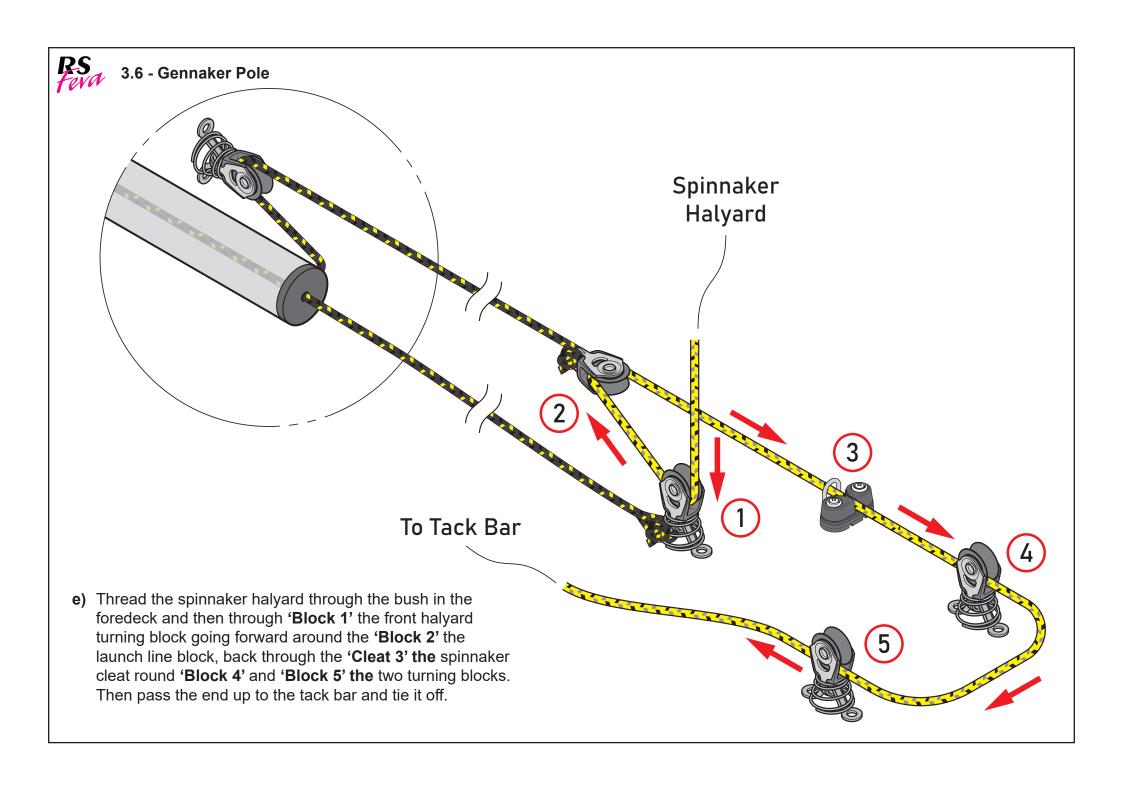


3.6 - Gennaker Pole

d) The pole must be 100% out with the tack line knot on the outboard end tight up against the outboard end cup.



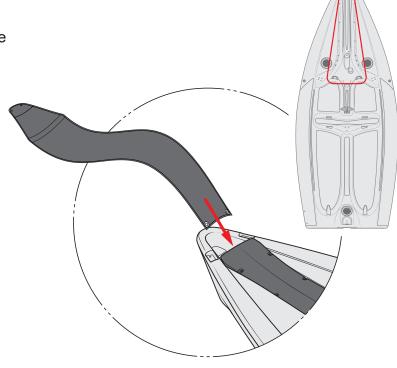
Cut any rope tails off with rope cutter.





3.7 - Spinnaker Tray

a) Slide the spinnaker tray under the foredeck from the bow.

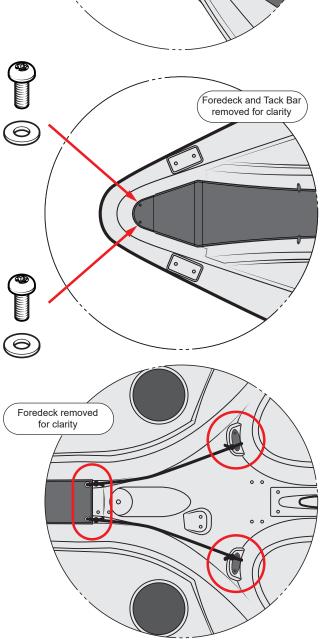


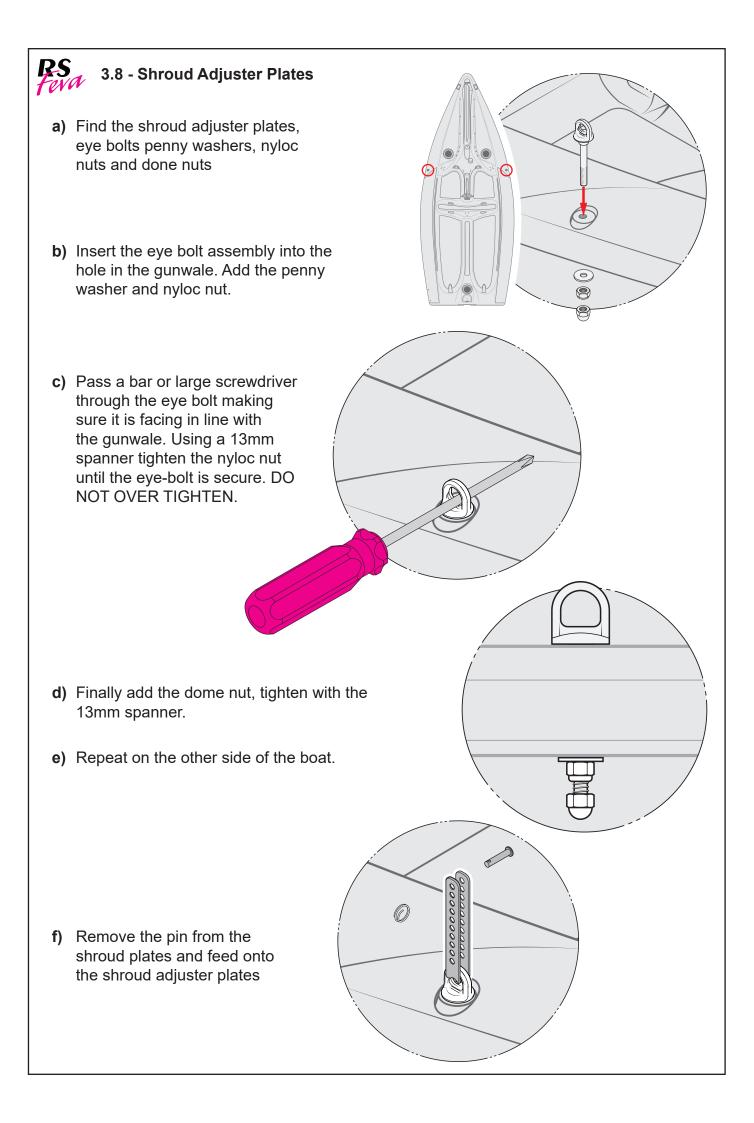
b) Locate the two M4 x 10 screws and washers. Lift the small tab on the front of the tray. Place the lower tab into the bow and line up the holes with the threaded inserts.

Use the screws and washers to secure the tray. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE SCREWS**.

Once secure lay the small flap back over the screw heads, making sure it is secured by the velcro.

c) Locate the 2 pieces of elastic (550mm long). Using **knot #2** secure one end to the cringle in the rear of the tray and the other end to the front toe strap plate. Repeat on the other side.

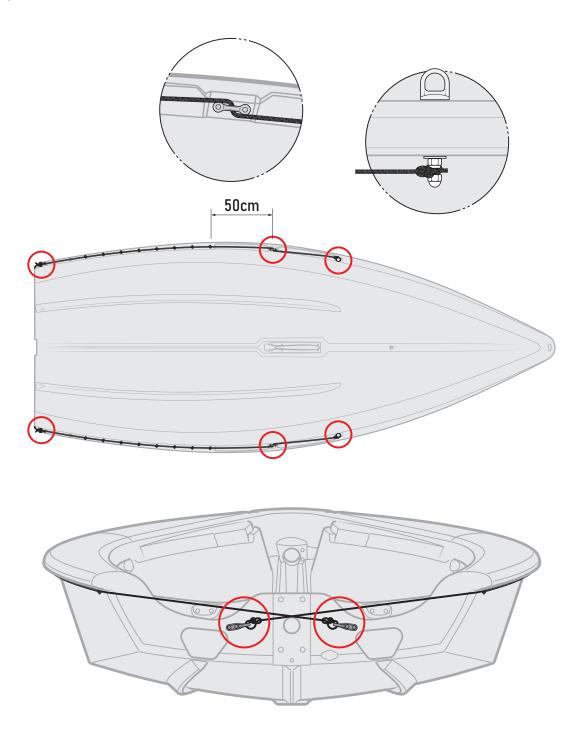






3.9 - Righting Lines

- a) Tie righting line between the nut and dome nut on the shroud bolt under the gunwale using **knot #1** then thread rope through the eyelet from the inside out.
- b) 50cm after the recess under the gunwale, tie 8 knot #4's approximately a fist width apart.
- c) Tie the shock cord to the end of the righting line using **knot #5**.
- **d)** Tie a **knot #2** at the end of the shock cord and loop over the opposite righting line clip on the transom.
- e) Repeat on the other side of the boat.



3.10 - Rigging the Mast



WARNING: Using no standard rigging will invalidate any warranty



If you have the Jib and/or Gennaker Pack, please refer to Section 3.4 Rigging the Jib, and Section 3.11 Rigging the Gennaker before stepping the mast in the boat.

To complete this section, you will need:

- The mast top section
- The mast lower section
- The main halyard
- **a)** Place the mast top section and mast lower section on the ground, in line with each other.
- **b)** Slide the inner sleeve of the mast top section into the end of the mast lower section.

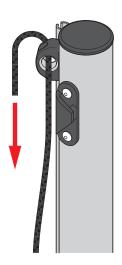
Push the two mast sections together. The angle of the join should ensure that the mast track on the two sections aligns.



c) Uncoil the main halyard

Thread one end of the main halyard through the bullseye at the top of the mast.

Run both ends of the main halyard to the bottom of the mast and tie in place (this prevents them from disappearing back up the mast!).





Please note, top and bottom mast sections are matched, they are not interchangeable so if you have more than one boat you should consider marking the sections to identify which go together.



3.10 - Rigging the Mast

d)

REMEMBER

If you are rigging the Jib and Gennaker Packs, you need to read Sections 3.11 and 3.12 before stepping the mast



3.11 - Rigging the Jib



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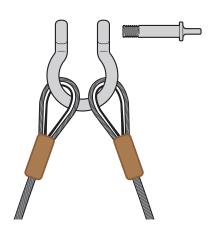
To complete this section, you will need:

- 1 x Feva jib
- 2 x Feva shrouds
- 1 x shroud shackle
- 1 x jib halyard block

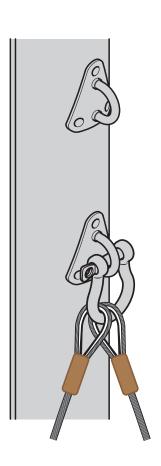
- 1 x jib halyard
- 1 x jib sheet
- 1 x jib halyard block tie

Before stepping the mast you will need to complete the following steps:

a) Hook the eyelets at the end of the shrouds onto the shroud shackle.



b) Attach the shroud shackle to the lower of the two metal rings on the front face of the mast.

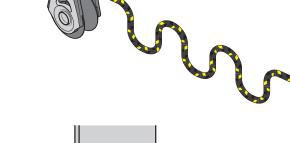




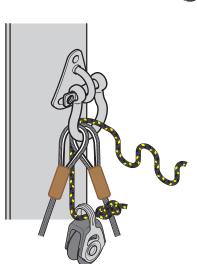
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c) Tie knot #1 in one end of the jib halyard block tie.

d) Thread the other end of the jib halyard block tie through the metal loop at the top of the jib halyard block, pulling the excess through until the block is next to the knot.

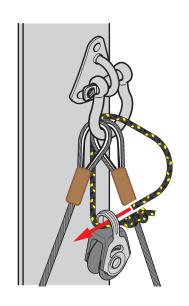


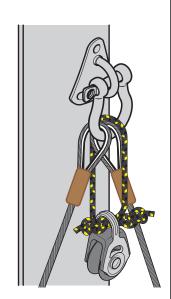
e) Thread the free end of the jib halyard block tie through the shroud shackle, in between the shrouds.



f) Thread the end of the jib halyard block tie back through the metal loop at the top of the jib halyard block, passing through in the opposite direction to step d.

Tie **knot #3** in the end of the jib halyard block tie. The jib halyard block will now hang just below the lower of the two metal rings on the front face of the mast.

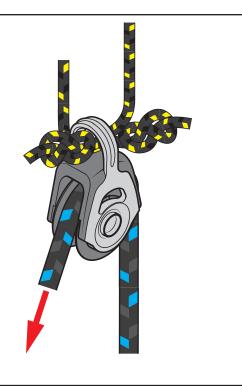






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g) Thread the jib halyard through the jib halyard block, and make sure that both ends of the jib halyard are secure at the bottom of the mast.





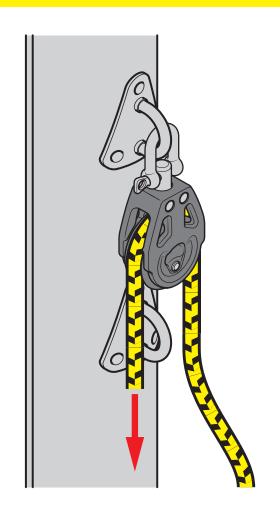
3.12 - Rigging the mast for the Gennaker

Before stepping the mast you will need to complete the following steps:

a) Uncoil the gennaker halyard (that is emerging through a hole in the foredeck).

Take the end of the gennaker halyard and, with the mast lying beside the boat, thread it through the gennaker halyard block.

Secure the gennaker halyard at the base of the mast.





3.13 - Stepping the Mast



BEFORE PICKING UP THE MAST, CHECK THAT YOU ARE NOT IN THE VICINITY OF OVERHEAD POWER CABLES

The mast-gate pin is already fitted to your Feva. The pin has a locking nut on the bottom to prevent it from falling out.

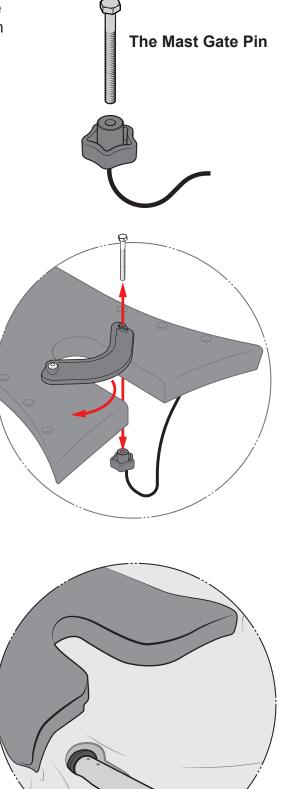
To close the mechanism:

- 1) Push the Pin through the gate from above.
- 2) Screw down the knurled nut until it is tight.

hole and open the mast gate.

a) Remove the mast gate pin from the

b) Lay the mast along the boat with the mast foot in the mast well.





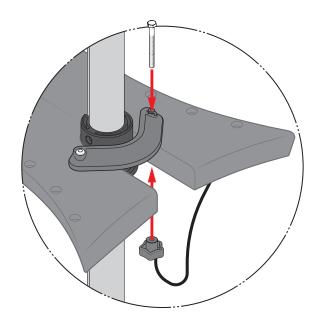
3.13 - Stepping the Mast

c) Stand the mast up. The mast foot should slide down the mast well and sit comfortably in the mast cup. The lip on the lower mast collar should be under the foredeck, to enable you to close the mast gate.

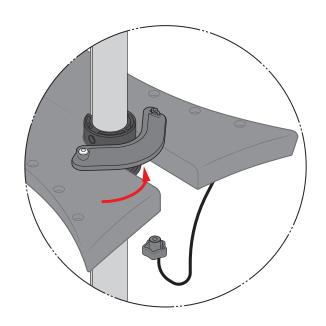
Close the mast gate.



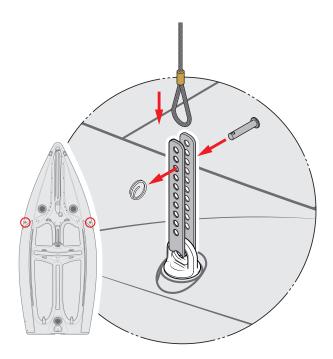
Ensuring that you have not trapped any ropes in it.



Once the mast is stepped in the boat, you should attach the shrouds to the shroud adjuster plates. A good setting to start with is with the pin in the third hole down on the shroud adjuster plate.



d) Push the mast-gate pin back into the hole, add the knurled nut and tighten.



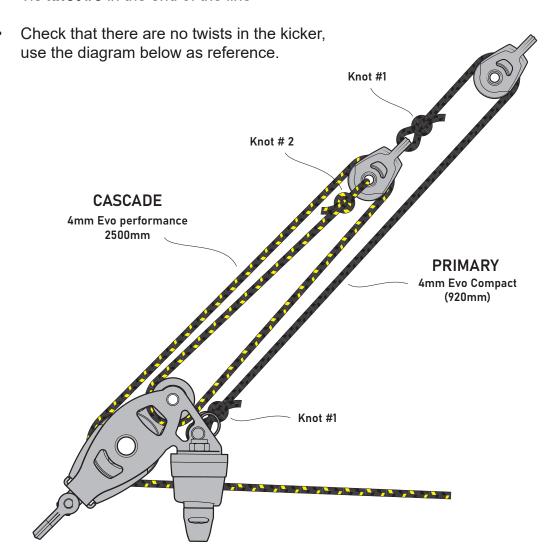
HINT

The mast on the RS Feva is supported at deck level by the mast gate and the foredeck. The shrouds are fitted to stop the mast from bending when tension is applied to the jib halyard, hence making the jib work better. Therefore, changing the shroud adjuster hole position will affect the amount that the mast bends when tension is applied to the jib halyard.

25 3.14 - Rigging the Kicker

To rig the kicker, you will need:

- x2 20mm blocks
- x1 Single Jam Block and Becket
- Kicker primary rope 4mm Evo Compact 920mm
- Kicker cascade rope 4mm Evo Performance 2500mm
- Take the primary rope and using knot #1 attach one end to one of the 20mm blocks feed the end through the other 20mm block and then attach the other end to the pin on the jammer block and becket.
- Attach the cascade rope to the 20mm block that is attached to the end of the
 primary rope using knot #2. Feed the cascade rope through the small block on
 the jammer block and becket then back through the 20mm block and back to the
 larger block on the jammer block and becket and through the jammer.
- Tie knot #3 in the end of the line

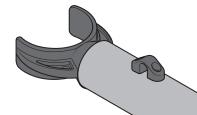


3.15 - Rigging the Boom

To rig the boom, you will need:

- The boom
- The kicking cascade
- The kicker boom strop

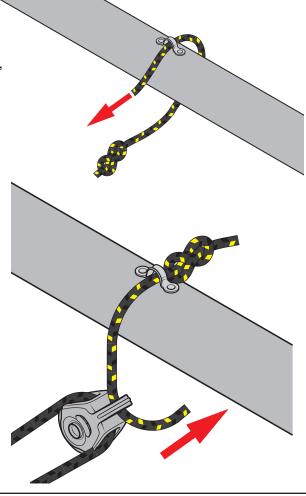
The standard outhaul will come rigged on the boom, if you have the Race pack, refer to the instructions included within to rig the race outhaul.



a) Take the kicker boom strop and tie **knot #3** in one end.

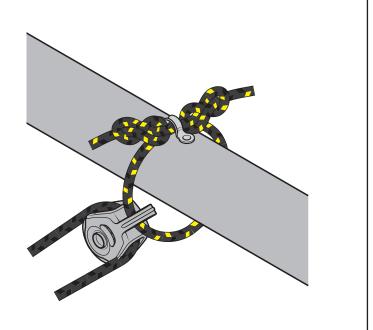
Thread the other end through the small metal eyelet on the top of the boom, about 50 cm from the gooseneck end.

b) Thread the end through the metal loop on the top block of the kicking cascade.



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c) Finally, thread the end back through the eyelet on the boom, in the opposite direction to the other end, and tie **knot #3** in the end.



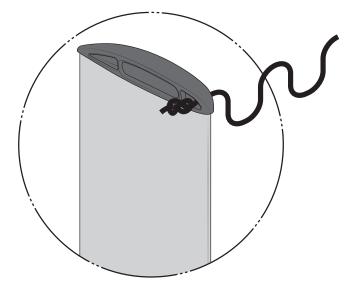


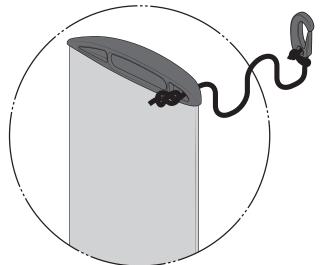
3.16 - The Daggerboard

To complete this section, you will need:

- The daggerboard
- Daggerboard retaining elastic
- Daggerboard retaining clip
- a) Thread one end of the daggerboard retaining elastic through the daggerboard handle, and tie a figure of eight.

b) Tie the daggerboard retaining clip on to the other end of the daggerboard retaining elastic using **knot #1**.



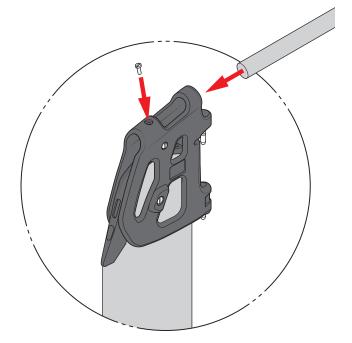


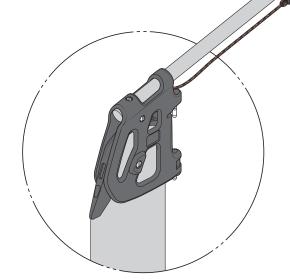
S 3.17 - The Rudder

To complete this section, you will require:

- The rudder
- The rudder stock
- The Tiller
- The Tiller retaining screw
- The Tiller extension
- a) Remove the rudder assembly from the foil pack and locate the components. The self-tapping screw is in a small bag, in with the tiller arm.

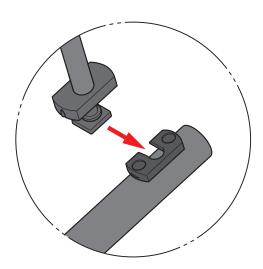
Slide the Tiller into the stock and fix it with the self-tapping screw.





c) Attach the tiller extension to the tiller.

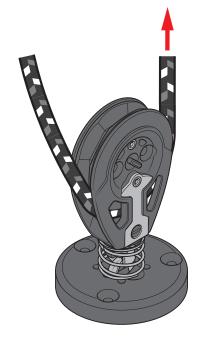
b) Feed the rudder downhaul rope through the 20mm block on the rope from the Rudder blade, then back up to the cleat and tie off using knot #3.

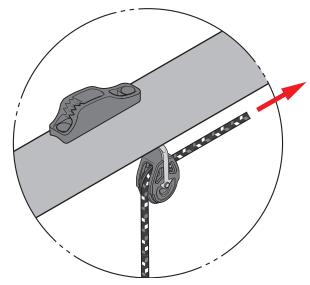


3.18 - Hoisting the Mainsail

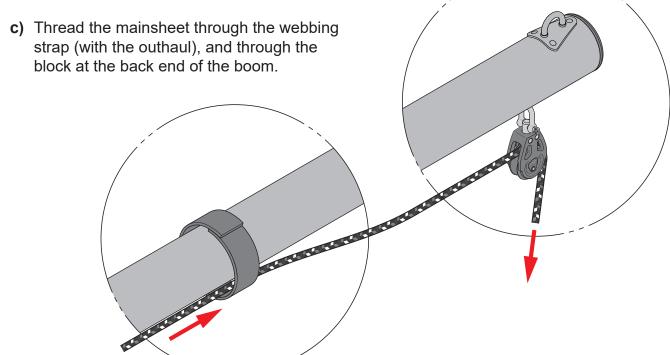
To complete this section, you will need:

- The mainsail (either the Feva S reefing mainsail, or the Feva XL 3-batten mainsail)
- · The inglefield clips
- The mainsheet
- a) Take the mainsheet and thread one end through the large ratchet block in the center of the boat. Make sure it goes through the correct way so the ratchet works when it is pulled through.





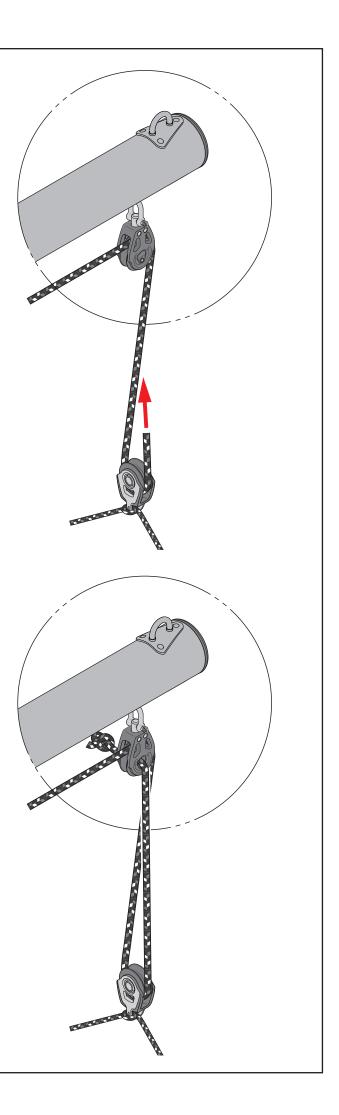
b) Next, thread the mainsheet through the block in the middle of the boom, leading it towards the back of the boat.



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d) Thread the mainsheet through the block on the mainsheet bridle.

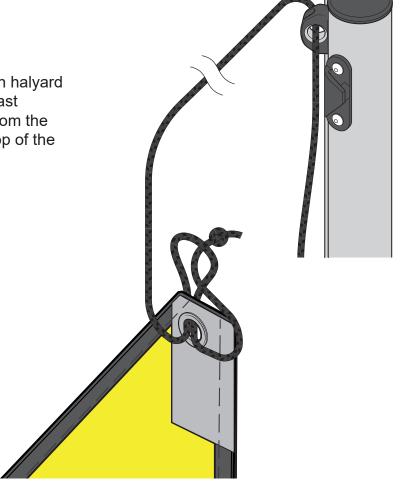
Lead the mainsheet back up to the end of the boom, and thread it through the hole in the center of the block on the boom. Tie a **knot #4** in the end of the mainsheet.



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e) Unroll the mainsail.

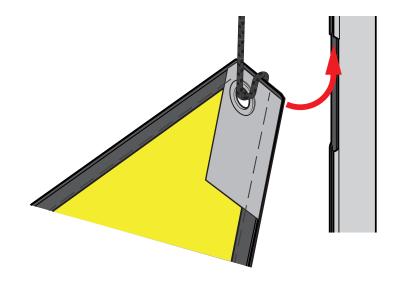
Take the end of the main halyard that comes down the mast from the bullseye (not from the cleat), and tie it to the top of the mainsail using **knot #1**.



f) Put the top of the mainsail into the opening at the bottom of the mast track, just above the gooseneck mast collar.

Holding the sail in line with the mast, pull on the other end of the main halyard.

Pull the mainsail up to the top of the mast. To make hoisting the mainsail easier, keep it in line with the mast, especially when passing the batten pockets.



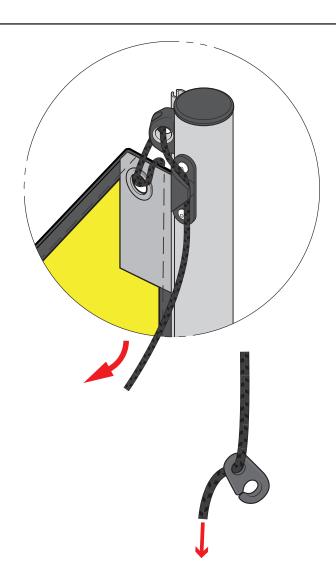
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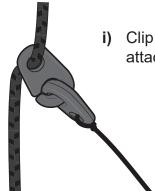
g) When the mainsail is at the top of the mast, lead the halyard tail that you have been pulling around the outside of the shroud, and pull it forward.

Pull the halyard towards the back of the boat, until it locks in the cleat at the top of the mast.

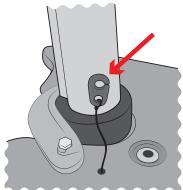
Once the halyard is cleated, bring it back around the shroud.

h) Take the Inglefield Clip and thread the end of the halyard through the hole.





i) Clip the Inglefield Clip on to the one attached to the elastic by the mast gate.



j) Pull the halyard through the Inglefield Clip until all the slack has been taken up.

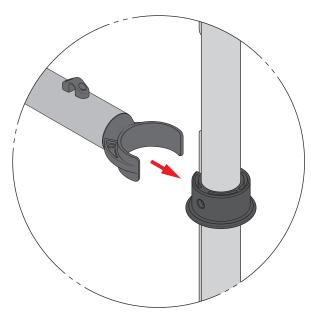
Tie **knot #3** here to keep the clip in place.

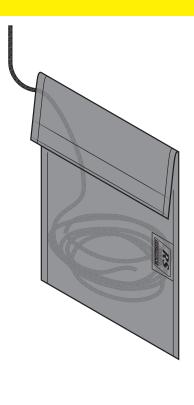




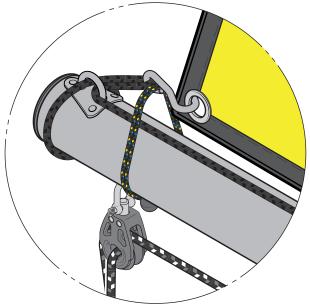
The Inglefield Clips stop the halyard flopping around when the mainsail is hoisted. To lower the mainsail, release the Kicker, outhaul and downhaul and unclip the two clips, pull the halyard out of the cleat at the top of the mast, and pull the mainsail down.

- k) Coil up the halyard and stow it in the halyard bag.
- Push the gooseneck onto the gooseneck mast collar.



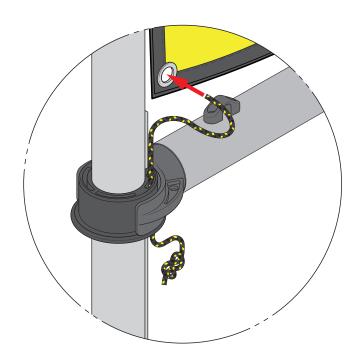


m) Hook the clew of the sail onto the hook at the end of the boom. You may like to use the black webbing strop on the clew as a handle to pull the sail into position, making it easier to hook the mainsail clew hook onto the sail.

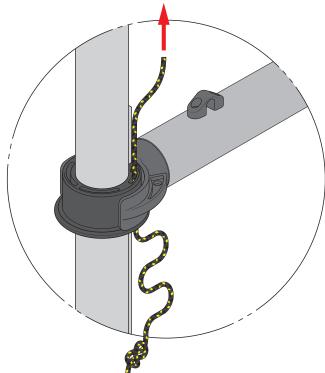


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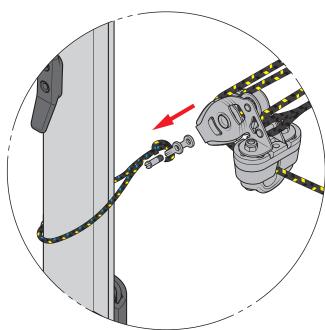
- n) Take the downhaul rope and tie a large knot #3 in one end.
- o) Thread the other end of the downhaul up through the gooseneck mast collar, on the port-hand side of the mast.



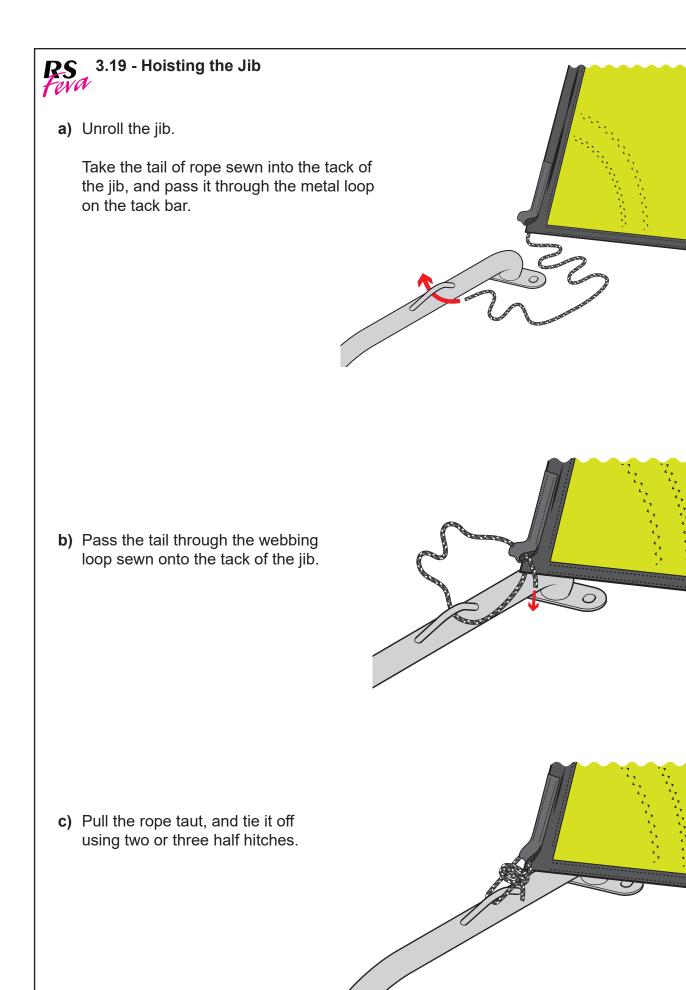
q) Connect the cleat on the kicking cascade to the Shackle on the mast.



p) Pass the end of the downhaul through the bottom eyelet in the tack of the mainsail, and through the cleat on the starboard side of the mast.

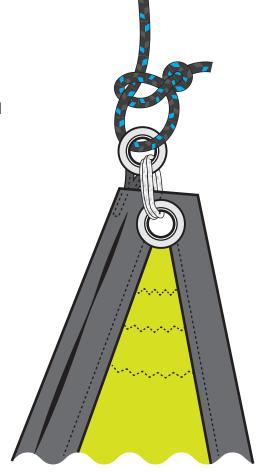


If you are not fitting the jib or the gennaker, move straight on to Section 3.21 – Completion.

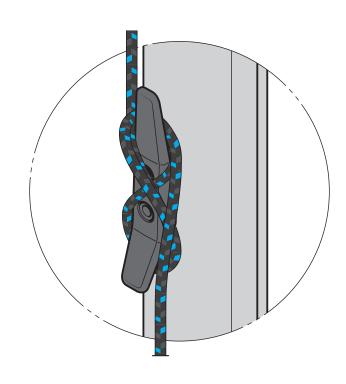


> d) Tie one end of the jib halyard onto the loop of rope sewn into the head of the jib, using knot #1

Note: Instead of a rope loop, the RS Feva Race Jib has a metal eye at the head. Tie the jib halyard to this in the same way.



e) Pull the jib up and tie the halyard off around the horn cleat on the side of the mast. Only apply enough halyard tension to prevent the front of the jib from sagging whilst sailing.



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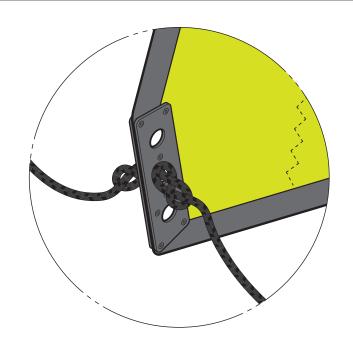
3.19 - Hoisting the Jib

f) To attach the jib sheet, either:

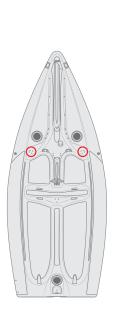
Thread the jib sheet through the middle of the three holes on the clew plate.

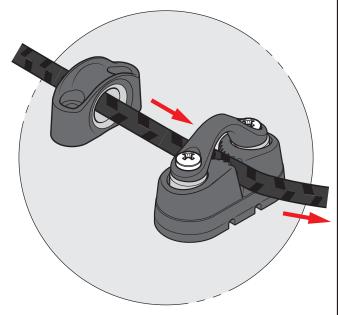
Pull the sheet through until there is an equal amount either side of the sail.

Tie a figure-of-eight knot in the jib sheet on either side of the clew plate



g) Take one of the jib sheet ends and pass it through the bullseye and jib cleat, mounted just inboard of the shrouds.





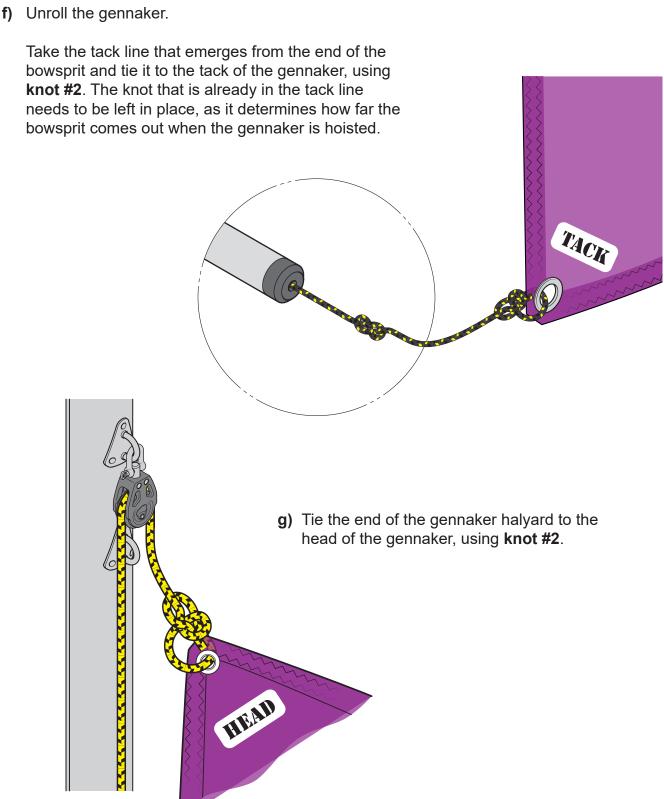
Do the same with the other side, and then tie the two ends together.





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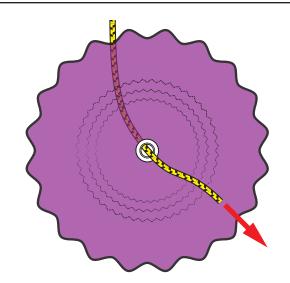
Make sure that the gennaker halyard and the downhaul line are on opposite sides of the mast.



3.20 - Rigging the Gennaker

h) Untie the gennaker downhaul line, taking care not to let go of it, as it will disappear up the gennaker chute!

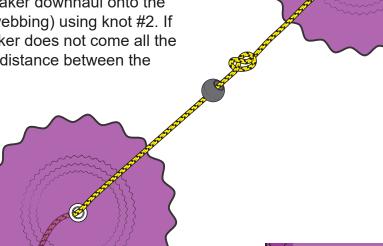
With the gennaker on the port-hand side of the boat, pass the end of the gennaker downhaul through the small eyelet in the center of the gennaker, from the inside to outside.



i) Run the gennaker downhaul line up the outside of the gennaker.

Take the gennaker downhaul bobble from the customer pack and thread the downhaul through it. Place the gennaker downhaul bobble approximately 200 mm from the end of the downhaul, and tie it in place with a single overhand knot.

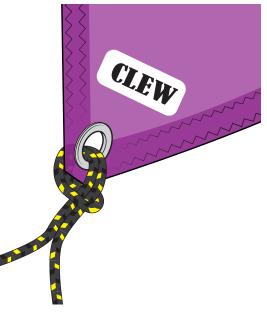
Tie the end of the gennaker downhaul onto the upper patch (cross of webbing) using knot #2. If you find that the gennaker does not come all the way down, shorten the distance between the bobble and the patch.



j) Find the middle of the gennaker sheet and double it over to form a loop.

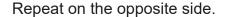
Pass this loop through the eyelet at the clew of the gennaker.

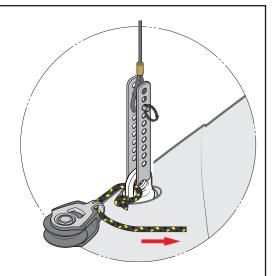
Pass the tails of the gennaker sheet through the loop and pull it tight.

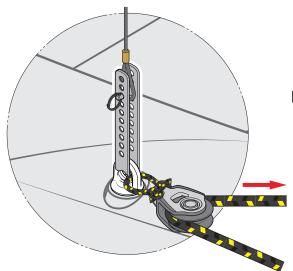


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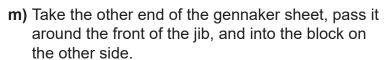
k) Locate the gennaker block tie and tie knot #3 in one end. Thread the other end through the shroud eyebolt and the 30mm gennaker block, then thread the end back through the eye-bolt and pull tight and finish off by tying another knot #3. Adjust so the block is as close to the eye-bolt as possible.

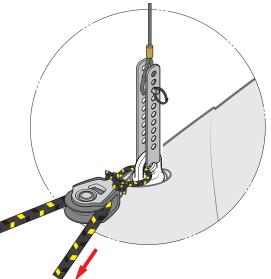






I) With the gennaker on the port side of the boat, thread one end of the gennaker sheet through the block by the port-side shroud adjuster plate.





n) Tie the two ends of the gennaker sheet together.



o) Pull the gennaker from one side to the other, as if you were gybing, to see if anything is twisted.

Finally, pull the gennaker down into the gennaker chute.

3.21 - Completion

Now you are almost ready to go Feva sailing. All that is left to do is:

- Fit the rudder to the back of the boat
- Tidy the halyards away
- Check that all knots and shackles are tied securely

a) To fit the rudder, simply line up the pins with the fitting on the back of the boat and push down until the retaining clip 'clicks' into place.

The rudder may be difficult to get on at first – all it will need is a simple wiggle from side to side whilst pushing down. To remove the rudder, simply push the blue retaining clip in and pull the stock up. b) Coil the main and jib halyards neatly and stow them in the halyard bag.

TIME TO GO SAILING!



Rigging Guide

4. Sailing Hints



PLEASE FOLLOW RIGGING GUIDE IN CORRECT ORDER



RS 4.1 - Introduction

The RS Feva is a very rewarding boat to sail – to fully appreciate its handling, you should be comfortable with the basic techniques of sailing small boats. If you lack confidence or feel that a refresher is in order, there are many approved sailing schools which use the RS Feva. See www.rya.org.uk for more information, or follow the link from www.rssailing.com to find your local RS Academy.

While we offer you a few hints to aid your enjoyment of your new boat, they should not be considered as a substitute for an approved course in dinghy sailing. In order to build your confidence and familiarise yourself with your new boat, we recommend that you choose a fairly quiet day with a steady wind for your first outing.

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4.2 - Launching

With the sails fully hoisted, attach the rudder to the transom. Lead the daggerboard retaining elastic around the mast and clip it back on itself. Leave this in place while sailing. The boat should be wheeled into the water, keeping it head to wind as far as possible.

If you have a crew, he/she can hold the boat head to wind whilst the trolley is stowed ashore.

If the tide is coming in as you launch, make sure that you leave the trolley far enough up the beach that it will not be swept away.

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4.3 - Leaving the Beach

The easiest way to get going is for the helm to hop aboard while the crew holds the boat. The helm should put a little daggerboard down, with the shockcord with the plastic-tubing cover pulled forward, then move back to his normal position, and pull gently on the rudder downhaul to lower some of the rudder blade. Then, s/he may instruct the crew to push the bow off the wind and climb in. The crew will then lower the daggerboard as depth allows. The shockcord acts as a friction device and a retainer when the board is fully down. Thus, as soon as the Water is deep enough, the daggerboard should be fully lowered, and the shockcord pulled back over the top of the board, so that it is secure in the event of a fully inverted capsize.

The singlehanded sailor may choose to ask someone to help them to launch. If launching alone, stand in the water alongside the gunwhale, holding the boat head to wind. Lower part of the daggerboard and rudder, and then push the bow off the wind while hopping in.

TOP TIP

If you are using the jib, pulling this sail in as you leave the beach will ensure that the bow continues to swing away from the direction that the wind is blowing from.

RS 4.3 - Leaving the Beach

As soon the water is deep enough, make sure that you lower the rudder blade fully by pulling hard on the rudder downhaul. You will know it is fully down if you feel a gentle "thud" as the front face of the blade hits the front face of the stock. Cleat the downhaul and tidy it by winding it around the tiller. Pull the sail in and you are away!

For the best performance, you should ensure that you and your crew position yourselves so that the boat is sailing through the water as flat as possible.

Watch the trim (fore and aft) and the heel. The boat should always be sailed as upright as possible.

Top Tip

As a general rule, sit further forward in lighter winds and further aft in stronger breezes.

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4.4 - Sailing Close-Hauled and Tacking

When sailing close-hauled, or as close as possible to the wind, it is important to get the boom as near as possible to the centreline, especially when sailing the RS Feva XL with the mainsail and jib. The kicking strap should be firmly tensioned for upwind work. To pull it on, quickly put the boat head to wind. You should hold the tiller extension across your body, with a knuckles-up grip, enabling you to use one or two fingers as a temporary cleat when adjusting the mainsheet.

The jib sheet should be pulled in fairly hard when sailing upwind – tighter in stronger winds and less so in lighter winds. Sail to the jib tell-tails, keeping the one on the back of the sail streaming and the one closest to you either streaming or lifting upwards slightly.

To tack, push the tiller extension away from you and, as the boat starts to turn, step across the cockpit facing forwards. Once the boat has completed the turn, bring the tiller back into the centre before sitting down on the new side, with the tiller extension behind your back. When you are settled, swap the mainsheet and the tiller extension into the new hands.

HINT

When sailing single-handed, sit with a leg either side of the thwart area when sailing close-hauled or reaching. If there is a lull in the wind, simply slide your backside down off the gunwhale and onto the thwart.

If the boat slows right down and feels lifeless when close-hauled, you could be sailing too close to the wind. Ease the mainsheet and 'bear off' away from the wind for a while to get the boat going again.

4.5 - Sailing Downwind and Gybing

When sailing downwind, both sails should be let out as far as possible. Single- handed sailors should adopt a relaxing, reclined pose astride the thwart area, leaning back against the side deck

To gybe, pull the tiller towards you and, as the boat starts to turn, step across the cockpit facing forward. Once the boat has completed the turn, bring the tiller back into the centre before sitting down on the new side, with the tiller extension behind your back. Often, the boom will not want to come across until you have nearly completed the gybe, so it often pays to give the mainsheet a tweak to encourage the boom over at the moment that you want it to come! Once you are settled, swap the mainsheet and the tiller extension into the new hands.

Top Tip

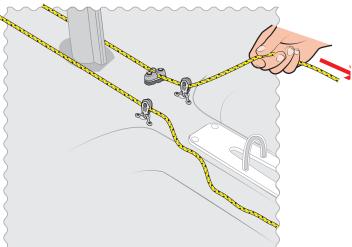
Be aware that the boom can come across with some force during a gybe (intentional or not!) so mind your head and watch for unintentional gybes.



4.6 - Using the Gennaker

If you are inexperienced in using a gennaker, choose a fairly quiet day for you first excursion. A gennaker nearly doubles your sail area, and should be treated with a healthy degree of respect!

For your first hoist you should be sailing downwind on a broad reach, with the wind coming over the helm's left shoulder. The crew should sit in the centre of the boat, astride the daggerboard case, and hoist the gennaker by pulling the gennaker halyard from the right-hand halyard block.

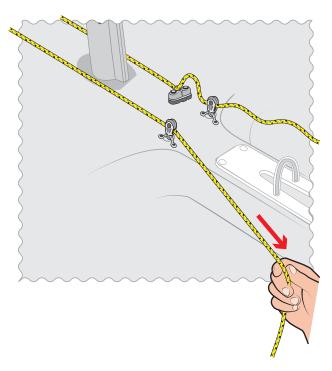


The gennaker halyard pulls the bowsprit out at the same time – when the gennaker is hoisted, you are ready to go. The crew, or the helm if sailing singlehanded, should now pull gently on the leeward gennaker sheet until the gennaker has filled. Gennakers may be effectively used from a close reach to a broad reach so, to get downwind, one should become adept at gybing. It is not possible to tack with the gennaker hoisted. For the best effect, the gennaker sheet should always be eased as far as possible, so that the luff is just on the point of curling.

4.6 - Using the Gennaker

Gybing with the gennaker is fairly straightforward. Like the jib, it should be pulled across at the same time as the mainsail comes across. As soon as it has been pulled in and filled with wind, it should again be immediately eased for maximum efficiency and speed. If sailing singlehanded, the mainsheet should be trapped between the fingers and tiller extension, and the helm should hold the gennaker sheet at all times.

To drop the gennaker, reverse the procedure used to hoist. The boat should be sailing on a broad reach, and the slack in the gennaker downhaul is pulled in from the left hand halyard block.



As the gennaker downhaul goes tight, the gennaker halyard should be popped out of the cleat. Then, pull the remainder of the gennaker downhaul through until the gennaker is pulled sharply into the chute. Dropping the gennaker on tighter reaches is harder, and requires more effort on the gennaker downhaul. If possible, this should be avoided when sailing singlehanded.

HINT

The gennaker can "bunch up" when entering the chute. This can be minimised by keeping some tension on the gennaker sheet, preventing the clew from being sucked into the chute with the main body of the gennaker.

When the gennaker is fully lowered, tidy the sheets and the halyard to keep the cockpit area clear.

RS 4.7 - Reefing

Reefing reduces the sail area, and is an effective and essential way to continue sailing in winds that would otherwise keep the less experienced or younger sailors ashore. There are two ways to reef a RS Feva S mainsail:

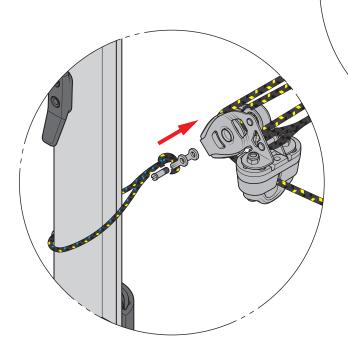
HINT

The jib is very effective in strong winds because the majority of its area is low down so it helps with balance. Try slab reefing first – it's more fun for the crew!

Round-Mast Furling

This method of reefing is applicable to the RS Feva S mainsail, when sailed without a jib.

a) Detach the clew of the sail from the clew hook.

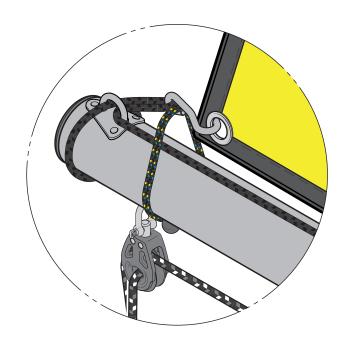


b) Detach the kicking cascade from the mast.

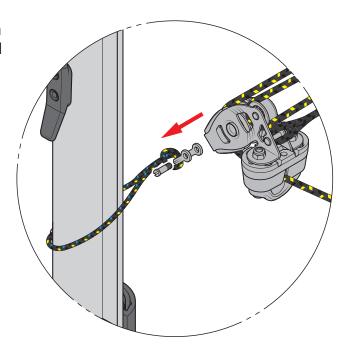
c) Using a firm two-handed grip, rotate the mast through three complete turns. This is normally enough to provide a significant reduction in sail area.

4.7 - Reefing

d) Re-attach the clew of the mainsail to the clew outhaul hook, and re-tension the outhaul.

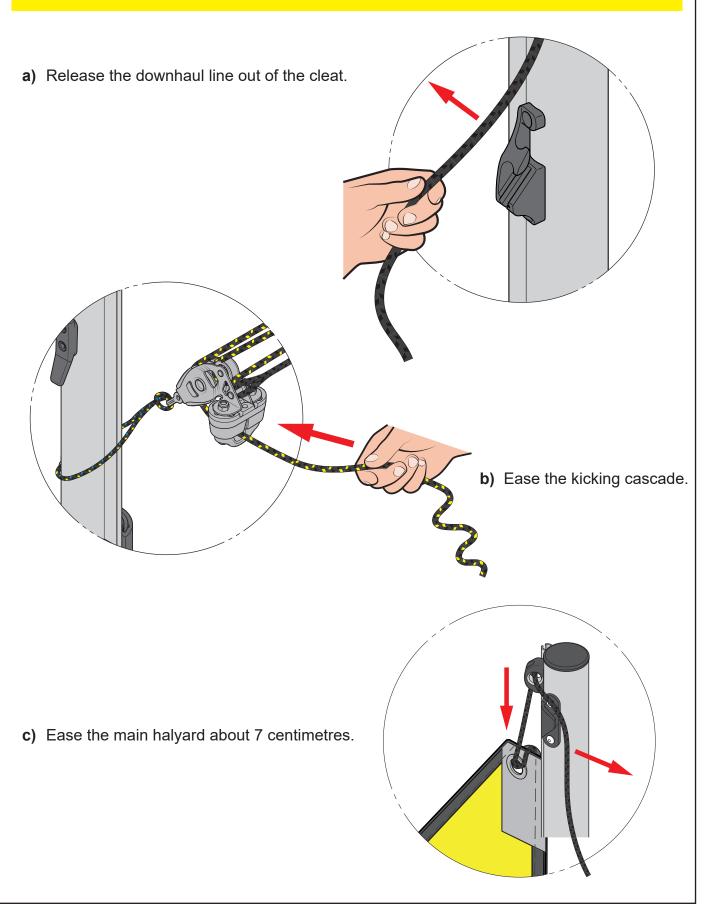


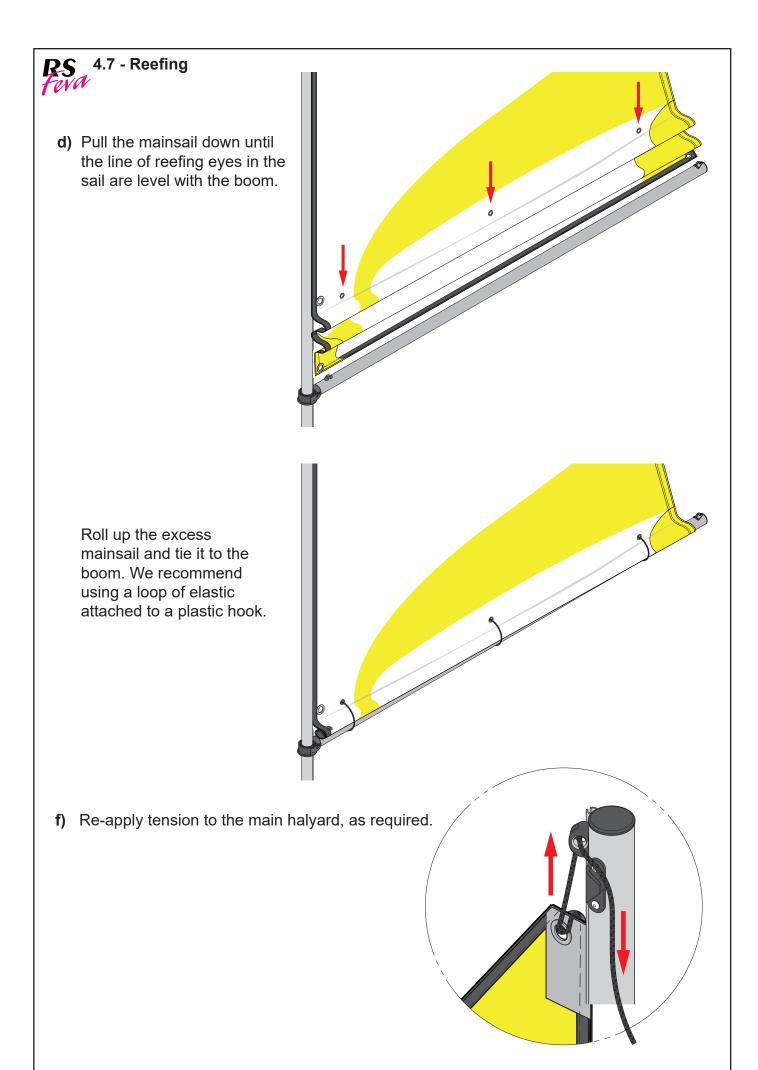
e) Re-attach the kicking cascade and tension to suit. The number of turns of themast will determine the degree to which you reduce the power in the rig.



Slab Reefing

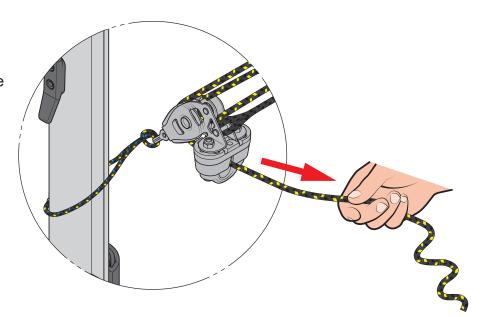
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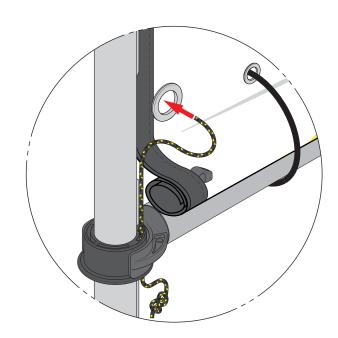




g) Re-apply tension to the kicking cascade.



h) Re-thread the mainsail downhaul line, and cleat it on the mast.



Sailing in strong winds can be great fun, so become familiar with the reefing systems and get back out there!



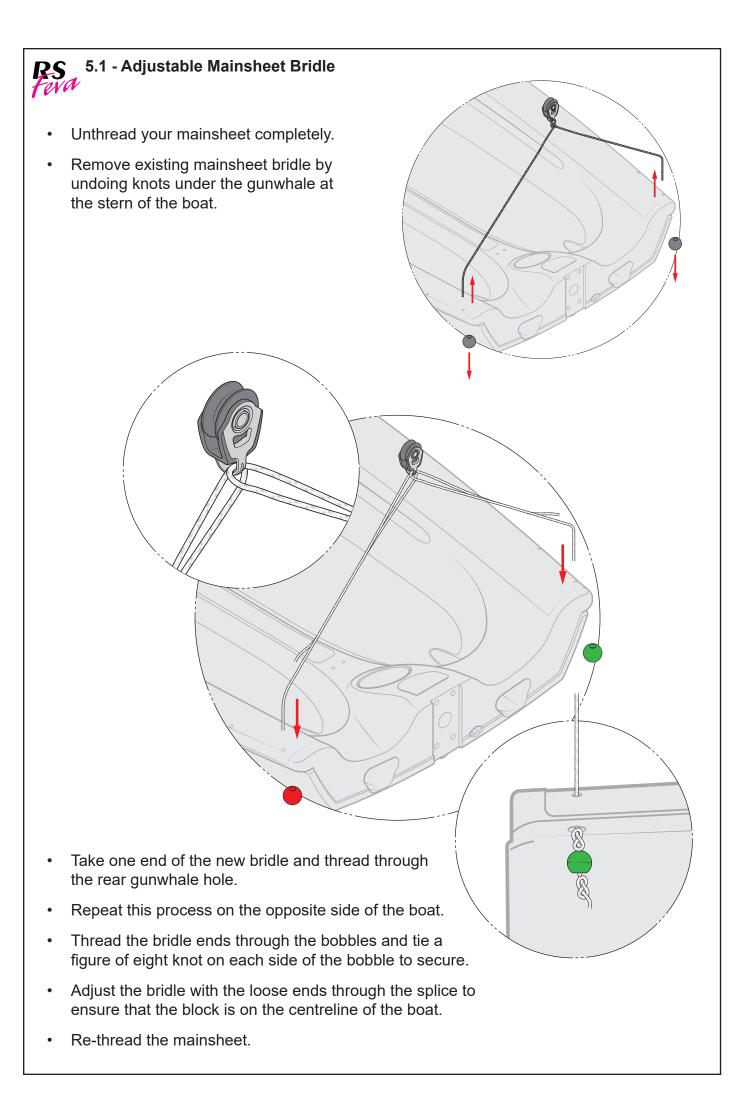
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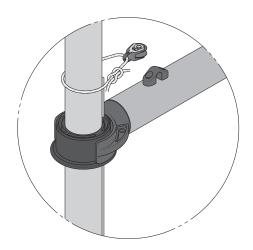
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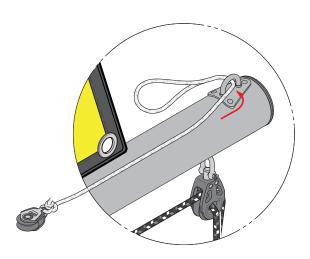




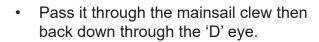
5.2 - Boom Outhaul System

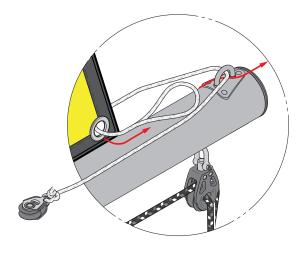
- Remove the existing outhaul system completely.
- Using the thin line already attached, tie the 20mm block above the boom collar on the mast, using a reef knot.

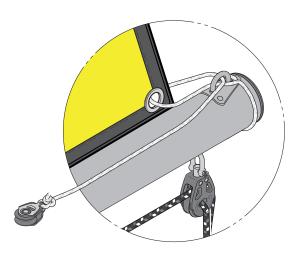




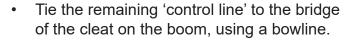
 Thread the 4mm line (loop end first) through the 'D' eye at the end of the boom.

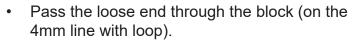


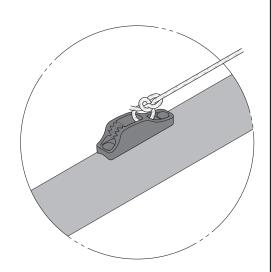


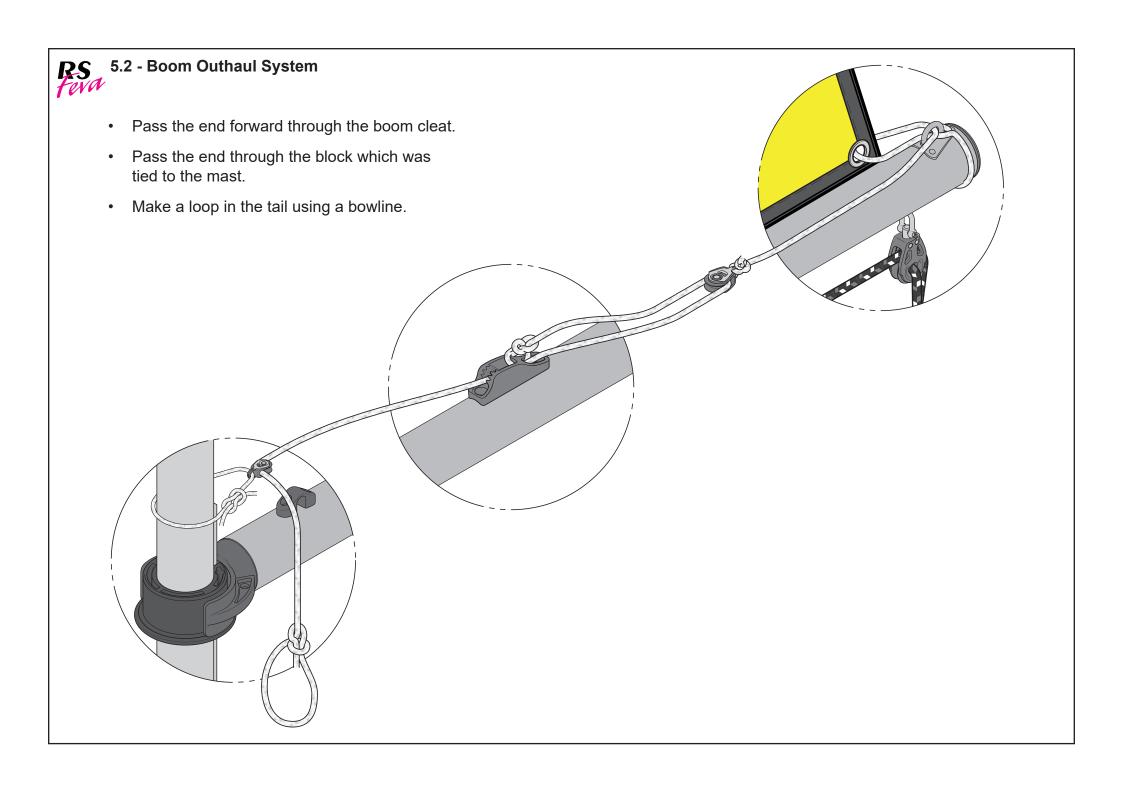


 Thread the loop over the back end of the boom to secure.



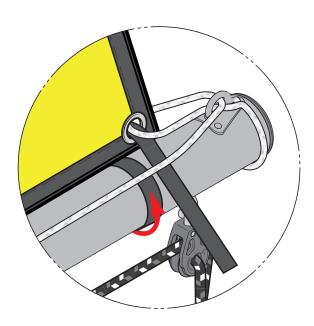




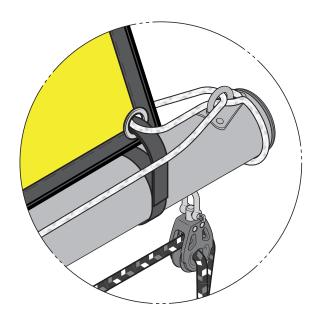


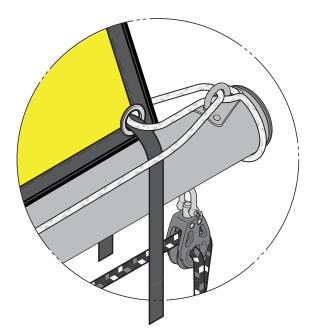
5.3 - Mainsheet Clew Strap

 Thread the strap through the clew (fluffy side down) to the midpoint of the strap.



 Pull the single sided end down and around the boom, again ensuring it is inside all lines.

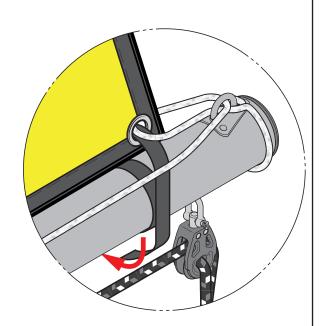




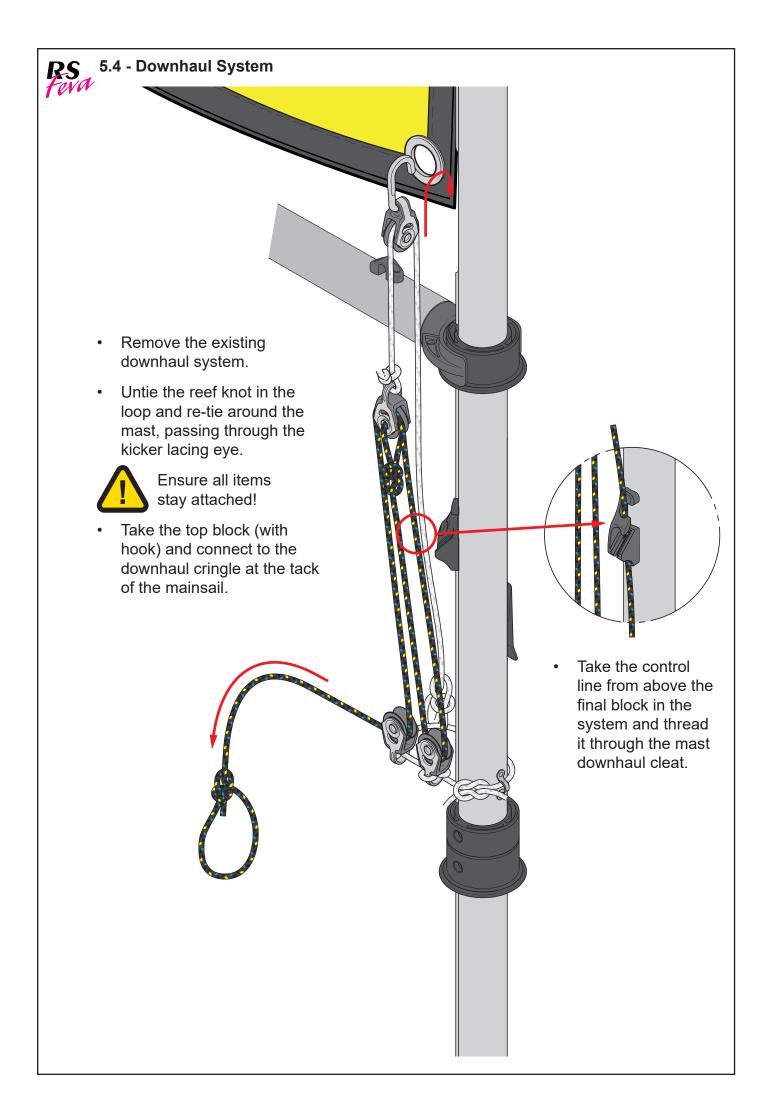
 Pull the clew close to the boom and wrap the double sided end around it.



Ensure it is inside all lines and reasonably tight.

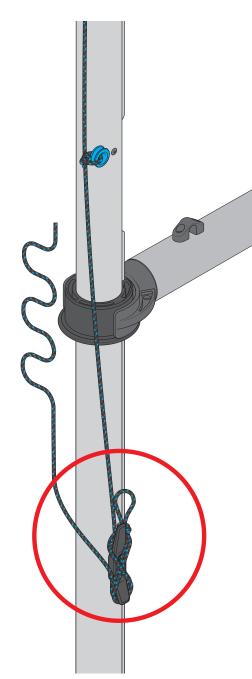


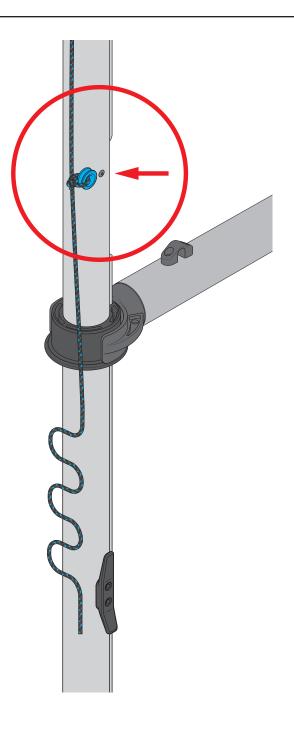
 Pass the end back through the clew and ensure all velcro is attached as shown in picture.



5.5 - Jib Halyard Purchase

- Hoist your jib all the way to the top.
- Thread the halyard through the sheave and tie a double overhand knot so sheave is level with rivet as shown in picture.

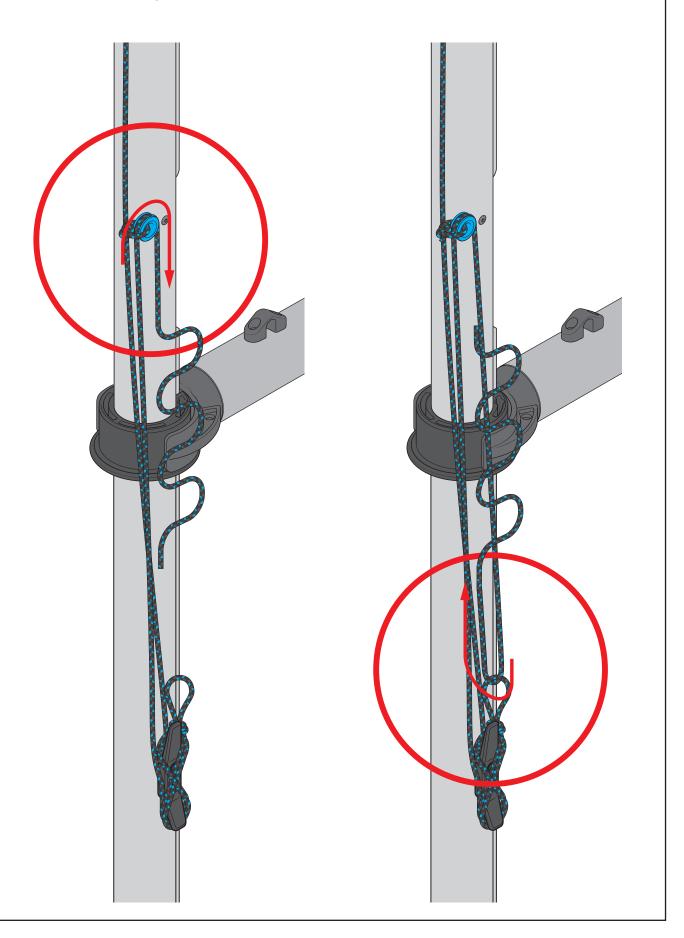


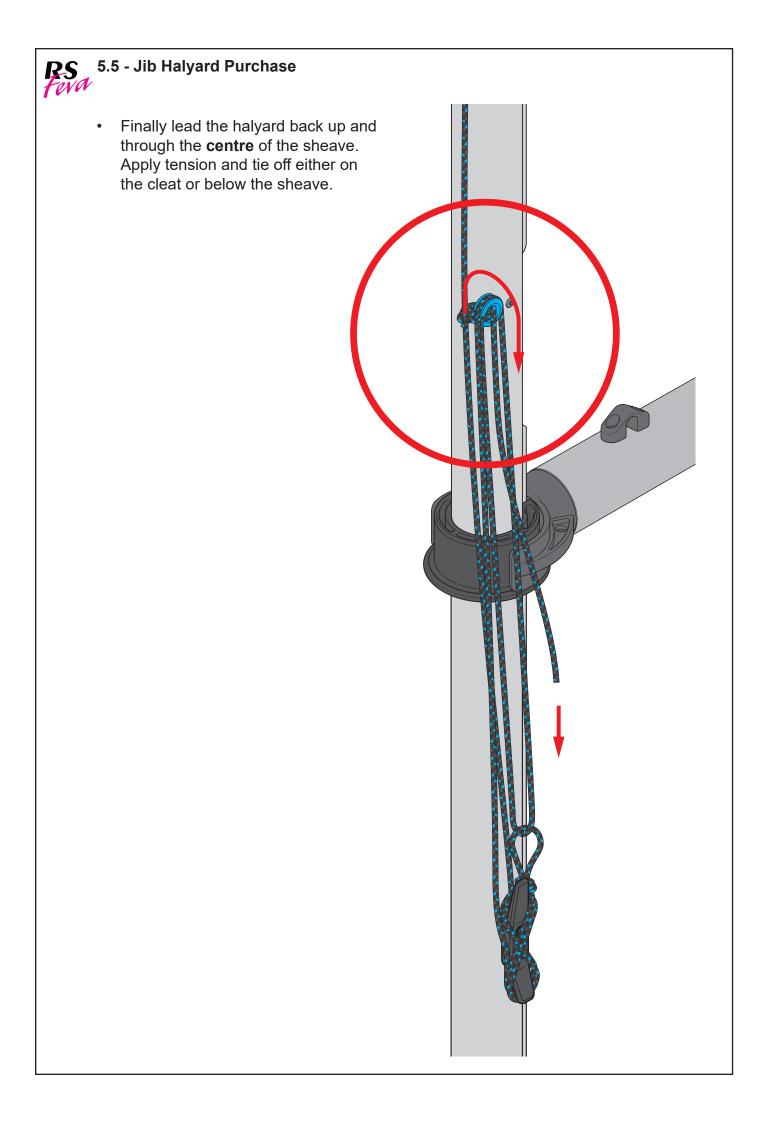


Lead the halyard down to the horn cleat. Cleat off and tie a double overhand knot to make a loop, leading the halyard back under the horn cleat.

5.5 - Jib Halyard Purchase

 Lead the halyard up and around the sheave and back down through the bottom loop.







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6. Maintenance



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The RS Feva is made using Comptec PE3, a three-layer polyethylene construction. This is stiff and light, but will dent if subjected to point loading. The boat should be supported ashore on an approved RS trolley, as the hull may distort if not supported properly. For long-term storage, it is better to support the boat on a rack, in slings, or another type of support that spreads the weight and avoids point loads. The hull can also be stored on the transom, but never store the boat for long periods on its side. When dealing with a marine environment, equipment gets wet; this in itself is not a problem. The problem starts when moisture is trapped for any length of time. Therefore, it is very important to store the boat properly ashore.

Keep your dinghy drained and well ventilated

Ensure that the boat is stored with the bow raised to allow water to drain away.

Wash with fresh water

Fresh water evaporates far more quickly than salt water so if your dinghy has been sailed in salt water, rinse it thoroughly. The fittings will also work better if regularly washed. Any stubborn marks on the hull can be removed with a light detergent, such as washing up liquid. Always test cleaning products on a small, inconspicuous part of the deck before applying to the whole boat.

Hull damage falls into three categories:

- **SERIOUS** large hole, split, crack, or worse. Don't be too distressed! Get the remnants back to RS Racing so we can assess the damage.
- **MEDIUM** small hole or split. If this occurs during an event, sailing can often be continued as long as leaking can be prevented by drying the area and applying strong adhesive tape. CAUTION if the damage is close to a heavily loaded point, then the surrounding area should be closely examined to ensure that it will accept the loads. Get the damage professionally repaired as soon as possible.
- **SMALL** dents, scratching. This type of damage is not boat threatening.

Comptec PE3 cannot be repaired in the same way as fibre glass. Some scratching can be removed be RS Racing staff, but dents cannot. Therefore we suggest you treat your boat with as much care as you would if it were fibre glass. More serious repairs can be carried out by RS Racing staff; however, the repair will never be invisible, due to the nature of the material.

The joy of owning an RS Feva is that it is very hard wearing, and any dents and scratches it receives will not affect the structural integrity of the hull.



RS Sailing foils are manufactured from anodised Aluminium extrusions with injection moulded glass reinforced Nylon ends. Lower mouldings are bonded in with polyurethane adhesive sealant. Upper mouldings are riveted or screwed in. The upper daggerboard moulding shows the type of boat.

Lower mouldings are sealed, however over time there may be some water ingress. If this occurs foils should be inverted to allow water removal through the drain holes in the top of the moulding.

Foils contain closed cell foam to ensure buoyancy and limit potential water ingress.

Maintenance

- Foils should be rinsed with fresh water after use.
- Anodising will prevent surface corrosion, however if surface damage does occur the aluminium should be polished with wax polish e.g. car polish.
- Nylon mouldings are maintenance free but can be replaced if damaged.
- If you run aground hard with the daggerboard down, you should check that the hull has not been punctured at the front or the trailing edge of the daggerboard case. Special 'shock absorbing' pads have been fitted at these points to reduce the risk of damage, and these can be replaced if damaged.

If you are going to trail your boat frequently, you may wish to invest in some RS Racing padded rudder bags. These will protect your RS Feva from any damage caused by the foils.



The mast and boom are aluminium. Wash with fresh water as often as possible, both inside and out. Check all of the riveted fittings on a regular basis for any signs of corrosion or wear.



The mainsail and Jib should be rolled and stored dry, out of direct sunlight. When using a new sail for the first time, try to avoid extreme conditions as high loads on new sailcloth can diminish the racing life of the sail.

If your sail is stained in any way, try to remove it using a light detergent and warm water. DO NOT attempt to launder the sail yourself.

A sail can be temporarily repaired using a self-adhesive cloth tape, such as Dacron or Mylar. The sail should be returned to a sail maker for a professional repair. Check for wear and tear, especially around the batten pockets, on a regular basis.

PS Fev 6.5 Fixtures and Fittings

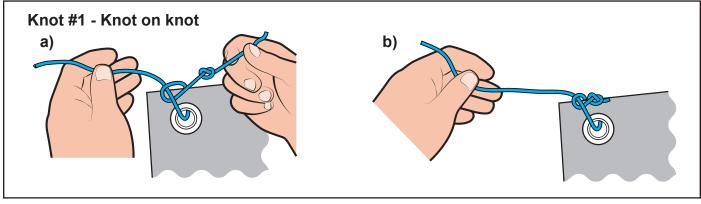
All of the fixtures and fittings have been designed for a specific purpose in the boat. These items may break when placed under any unnecessary load, or when used for a different function to their intended purpose. To ensure optimum performance, wash the fixtures and fittings with fresh water regularly, checking shackles, bolts, etc. for tightness.

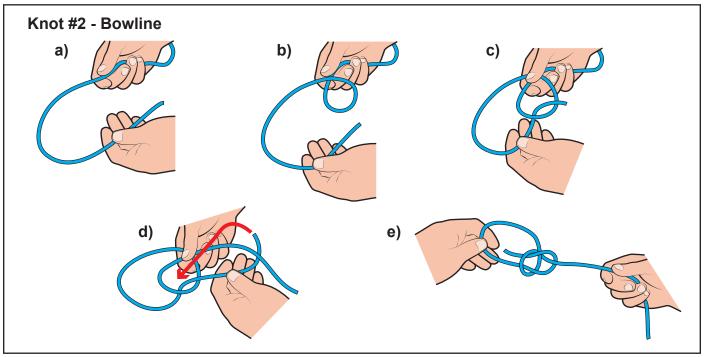


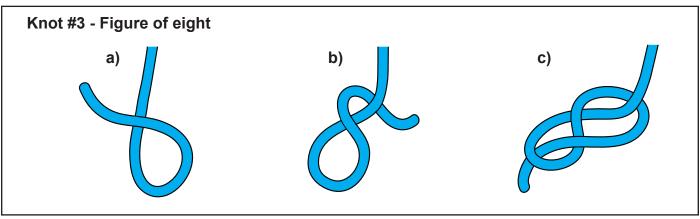
- **1.** This warranty is given in addition to all rights given by statute or otherwise.
- **2.** RS Sailing warrants all boats and component parts manufactured by it to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and circumstances, and the exercise of prudent seamanship, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of commissioning by the original owner. The owner must exercise routine maintenance and care.
- **3.** This warranty does not apply to defects in surface coatings caused by weathering or normal use and wear.
- **4.** This warranty does not apply if the boat has been altered, modified, or repaired without prior written approval of RS Sailing. Any changes to the hull structure, deck structure, rig or foils without the written approval of RS Sailing will void this warranty.
- **5.** Warranty claims for materials or equipment not manufactured by RS Sailing can be made directly to the relevant manufacturer. RS Sailing warrants that these parts were installed correctly and according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- **6.** Warranty claims shall be made to RS Sailing as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 28 days upon discovery of a defect. No repairs under warranty are to be undertaken without written approval of RS Sailing.
- **7.** Upon approval of a warranty claim, RS Sailing may, at its expense, repair or replace the component. In all cases, the replacement will be equal in value to the original component.
- **8.** Due to the continuing evolution of the marine market, RS Sailing reserves the right to change the design, material, or construction of its products without incurring any obligation to incorporate such changes in products already built or in use.

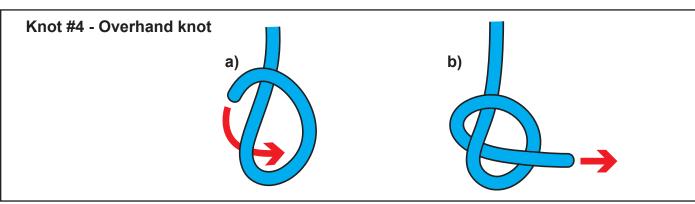


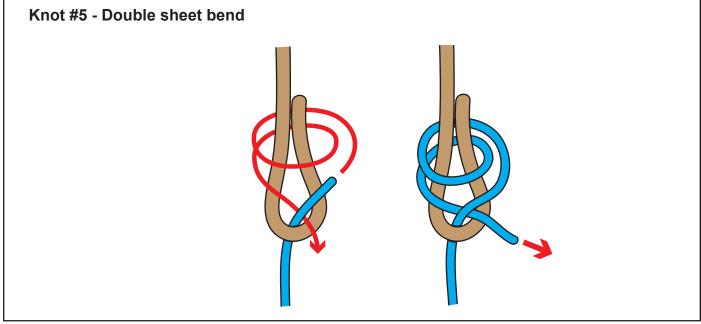


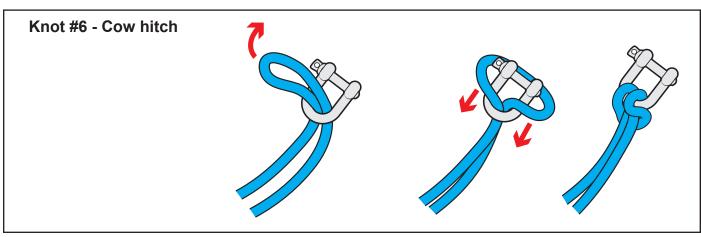














Α

Aft At the back

Anchor Line Rope that attaches the anchor to the boat

Astern Behind the boat

Asymmetric Gennaker flown from a retractable pole at the bow

В

Back To 'back the sail'; allowing the wind to fill the back of the sail

Bailer A bucket or other container used for bailing water

Batten A thin strip of wood/plastic inserted in the sail to keep it flat

Batten Key A key used to adjust the batten

Batten Pocket A pocket on the sail that holds the batten

Beam Width of the boat at the widest point of the side of the boat.

The phrase 'wind on the beam' means that the wind is coming from the side.

Bear away To turn downwind

Beat To sail a zig-zag course to make progress upwind

Beaufort Scale A measure of wind strength, from Force 1 to Force 12

Bilge Rail The moulded line that marks the transition from the side to the bottom of

the hull

Block A pulley used for sail control lines

Boom The spar at the bottom edge of sail

Boom Pad The pad that fits onto the boom

Bow The front of the boat

Bow Lifting Handle The handle at the front of the boat, used for lifting

Bowline A useful and reliable knot, with a loop in it

Bow Snubber The part of the trolley that the bow rests on

Builder's Plate Plate that contains build information

Bung A stopper for the drain hole



Buoy Floating object attached to the bottom of sea – used variously for

navigation, mooring, and to mark out a race course

Buoyancy Aid Helps you to stay afloat if you fall in the water

Buoyancy Compartment Water-tight compartment in the hull that maintains buoyancy

Burgee Small flag at the top of the mast to show wind direction

C

Capsize To overturn

Capsize Recovery To right, or recover, the boat after a capsize

Catamaran A boat with two hulls

Centreboard The foil that sits below the hull to counteract the sideways push of the wind,

and to create forward motion

Centreboard Case The casing in the hull in which the centreboard sits

Centreline An imaginary line that runs through the centre of the hull, from the bow to

the stern

Chart datum Depths shown on a chart, at the lowest possible tide

Cleat A device to grip ropes and hold them in place – some grip automatically,

while others need the rope tying around them

Clew Lower corner of the sail, closest to the stern

Close hauled Sailing as close to the wind as you can; point of sailing to sail upwind

Cockpit The open area in the boat providing space for the 'helm and the crew

Collision Regulations The 'rules of the road' to avoid collisions

Compass Rose The compass shown on a chart to aid navigation

Crew Helps the helmsman to sail the boat, and usually handles the jib sheets

Cutter A boat with two headsails or jibs

D

Dacron A brand of polyester sailcloth that is wrinkle-resistant and strong

Deck A floor-like surface occupying part of the hull

Deck Moulding A moulded deck

Downhaul Applies downwards tension to a sail

Downwind To sail in the direction that the wind is blowing

Drain Hole A hole in the hull from which trapped water can be drained



Draught The depth of the vessel below the surface

Ε

Ease To 'ease sheets' means to let the sail out gently

F

Fairlead A pulley block used to guide a rope to avoid chafing

Foils The daggerboard and the rudder

Foot The bottom edge of a sail

Fore Towards the front of the boat

Forestay The wire line that runs from the front of the mast to the bow of the

hull, holding the mast in position

Furl To gather a sail into a compact roll and bind it against the mast

or forestay

G

Gennaker A large sail that is hoisted when sailing downwind

Gennaker Chute Webbing pocket in which the gennaker is stowed when not hoisted

Gennaker Pole The sprit that protrudes from the front of the hull, to which the tack of

the gennaker is attached

Gnav Bar Bar that sits between the mast and the boom, performing the

same function as a kicking strap

Gnav Control Line Line that applies and releases tension to the gnav

Gooseneck The 'jaws' of the boom that clip onto the mast

Gunwhale The top edge of the hull, that you sit on when leaning out to balance

the boat

Gybe To change tack by turning the stern of the boat through the wind.

Н

Halyard The rope used to hoist sails

Halyard Bag Bag attached to the hull, in which the halyards can be stowed

Head The top corner of a sail



'Head to Wind'

To point the bow in the direction that the wind is blowing from,

causing the sails to flap

'Heave to'

To stop the boat by easing the main sheet and backing the jib

A boat 'heels' when it leans over due to the sideways force of

the wind

Helm/Helmsman The person who steers the boat, or another name for the tiller

Hoist Block Block behind which the gennaker halyard is pulled when hoisting

the gennaker

Hull The hollow, lower-most part of the boat, floating partially submerged

and supporting the rest of the boat

Heel

'Into the Wind'

To point the bow in the direction that the wind is blowing from,

causing the sails to flap

Inversion A capsize where the boat turns upside down, or 'turtles'

J

Jammer Another word for a cleat

Jib The small sail in front of the mast

Jib Sheet The rope used to control the jib

K

Kicking strap The rope system that is attached to the base of the mast and

the boom, helping to hold the boom down

Knot A measurement of speed, based on one minute of latitude

L

Launching To leave the slipway



Latitude Imaginary lines running parallel round the globe from east to west.

They help you measure position and distance on a chart.

Leech The back edge of the sail

Leeward The part of the boat furthest away from the direction in which the

wind is blowing

Leeway The amount of sideways drift caused by the wind

Leverage The result of using crew weight as a 'lever' to counteract heel

caused by the wind

Lie to A way of stopping the boat temporarily by easing sheets on

a close reach

Lifejacket Unlike a buoyancy aid, a lifejacket will keep a person fully afloat

with their head clear of the water

Longitude Imaginary lines running round the globe from north to south,

like segments of an orange. Used with lines of latitude to

measure position and distance

Lower Furling Unit The fitting at the bottom of the forestay that enables the jib

to be furled

Luff The front edge of the sail

M

Mainsail The largest sail on a boat

Mainsail Clew Slug The fitting that sits in the track on the boom, to which the clew of

the mainsail is attached

Mainsheet The rope used to control the mainsail

Mainsheet Bridle The rope runs across the transom of the boat, to which the

mainsheet is attached

Mainsheet Centre Block The main block, usually fixed to the cockpit floor, through

which the mainsheet passes

Man Overboard Recovery The act of recovering a 'man overboard' from the water

Mast The spar that the sails are hoisted up

Mast Foot The bottom of the mast

Mast Gate Fitting which closes across the front of the mast at deck level,

holding the mast in place



Mast Lower Section The bottom section of a two-piece mast

Mast Step The fitting on the deck that the mast fits into

Mast Top Section The top section of a two-piece mast

Meteorology The study of weather forecasting

Moor To tie the boat to a fixed object

Mylar A brand of strong, thin, polyester film used to make racing sails

N

National Sailing Federation Body that governs sailing in a nation. In the UK, this is the

Royal Yachting Association

Navigation To find a way from one point to the other

Neap Tide Tides with the smallest tidal change

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'Off the Wind'

To sail in the direction that the wind is blowing

Outboard Bracket Kit Bracket which enables an outboard engine to be attached

to the transom

Outboard Engin Small portable engine that attaches to the transom

Outhaul The control line that applies tension to the foot of the sail,

by pulling the sail along the boom

Outhaul Hook The fitting on the boom that hooks the eye at the back of

the sail, and to which the outhaul is attached

P

Painter The rope at the bow used to tie the boat to a fixed object

Pontoon A floating jetty to moor your boat to

Port The left-hand side of the boat, when facing forwards

R

RS Dealer A third-party who sells the RS range

Reach Sailing with the wind on the side of the boat



Reef To make the sails smaller in strong winds

Retaining Pin On a trolley, to hold the launching trolley to the road base

Road Base A trolley that you place your boat and launching trolley upon to

trail behind a vehicle

Rowlocks U shaped fittings that fix onto the gunwale and holds your oars in

position while rowing

Rowlock Holes The holes in the gunwhale into which the rowlocks fit

Rudder The foil that, when attached to the stern, controls the direction

of the boat

Rudder Blade The large, rigid, thin part of the rudder

Rudder Downhaul The control line that enables you to pull the rudder into place

Rudder Pintle The fitting on the transom onto which the rudder stock fits

Rudder Stock The top part of the rudder, usually including the tiller, into which the

rudder blade fits, and which then attaches to the rudder pintle

Run To 'run with the wind', or to sail in the direction that the wind is blowing

S

Safety-Boat Cover Support boats, usually RIBs, in case of emergency

Sail An area of material attached to the boat that uses the wind to

create forward motion

Sailmaker A manufacturer of sails

Sail Number The unique number allocated to a boat, displayed on the sail

when racing

Sail Pressure A sail has 'pressure' when it is working with the wind to create motion

Sailing Regatta An event that usually comprises of a number of sailing races

Shackle A metal fitting for attaching ropes to blocks, etc.

Shackle Key Small key used to undo tight shackles

Sheet A rope that controls a sail

Shroud The wires that are attached to the mast and the hull, holding

the mast up

Side Safety Line The line that runs along the side of the hull

Single Handed To sail a boat alone

Single-Line Reefing System An efficient method of reefing with one line



Slider Sliding fitting on the boom to which the gnav bar is attached

Soundings The numbers on a chart showing depth

Spars The poles, usually carbon or aluminium, to which the sail is attached

Spreaders Metal fittings attached to the mast which hold the shrouds out

Spring Tide The tides with the biggest range and strongest currents

Starboard. The right-hand side of the boat, when facing forwards

Stern The back of the boat

Stopper Knot A form of knot used to prevent a rope from sliding through a

fitting, such as a pulley or a cleat

Т

Tack a) To change direction by turning the bow of the boat through the wind

b) The bottom front corner of a sail

Tack Bar The bar at the bow of the hull, to which the tack of the jib is attached

Tack Line The rope that emerges from the front of the gennaker pole, to which

the tack of the gennaker is attached

Tender A small vessel, usually used to transport crew to a larger vessel

Tidal height The depth of water above chart datum

Tidal range The difference between the depth of water at low and high tide

Tidal stream The direction in which the tide is flowing

Tiller The stick attached to the rudder, used to steer the boat

Tiller Extension A pole attached to the tiller to extend its reach, usually used when hiking

Toe Straps The straps to tuck your feet under when you lean out to balance the boat.

Top Furling Unit Fitting at the top of the forestay which enables the jib to be furled

Towing Line A rope attached to the boat, used to connect to a towing vessel

Transit An imaginary line between two fixed objects, used to ensure that

you are staying on course

Transom The vertical surface at the back of the boat

Trim Keeping the boat level fore and aft

Trimaran A boat with three hulls

Trolley A wheeled structure, used to move the boat around on land

Trolley Supports The part of the trolley in direct contact with the hull



U

'Under Weigh' A term derived from the act of 'weighing' anchor, meaning to be

in motion

Upwind To sail against the direction in which the wind is blowing

W

Wetsuit Neoprene sailing suit designed to keep you warm when wet

Windward The part of the boat closest to the direction in which the wind is blowing