



SAIL CARE GUIDE.

YOUR BOAT IS READY TO BE POWERED BY P&B. GET OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE AND LONGEVITY FROM YOUR NEW SAILS BY FOLLOWING OUR BASIC GUIDE TO SAIL MAINTENANCE.

COMPLETION OF RACE

- Once ashore, sea sailors should wash their sails in fresh water to remove the salt – inland and coastal sailors should dry them as soon as possible.
- The best way to dry sails is to lay them on a clean, dry, smooth floor/glass, or draped over the boat rather than leaving them up to flog in the wind. Drying in windy conditions can lead to unnecessary damage.

ROLLING MAINSAIL / FORESAILS

- Once fully dried (or if you have to temporarily store them while wet) you should roll the sail. The best way to store sails is rolled.
- To roll your sail start by shaking all creases out. It is important to shake rather than pull the creases out as pulling will result in permanent creases being formed in the sail.
- Once laid flat, roll the mainsail from the headboard down the leech in line with the battens (leave the battens in place).
- The foresail should be treated the same way, but rolled down the luff, take care not to kink the luff wire.
- Be mindful of the window in either the main or foresail, avoiding folds or creases – especially in cold weather.
- Modern day cloth sails are of a very hard finish and require extra care when handling to avoid folds and creases – these will create little white score marks in your sails. These marks are not

always avoidable when the sail is in general use – they are cosmetic and do not affect the performance or strength of the sail.

LAMINATE SAILS

- Laminate sails should receive special attention to keep them in optimum condition.
- They should never be left in direct sunlight, especially in hot climates. The UV light breaks bonds within the material leading to shrinkage and will eventually result in cracks and distortion.
- Keep laminate sails covered until use, remembering to cover again as soon as possible after completing the race.

SPINNAKERS

- The best way to fold a spinnaker is by placing the leeches together then folding the centrefold in line with the leech.
- Halve the sail once more in the same way then roll from the head.
- Sails which are rolled or folded correctly will emerge from storage smooth and free from unnecessary damage.

CLEANING

- Sails will last longer and in the best condition if marks and dirt are removed as soon as they occur.
- Use warm water only to wash sails, do not use hot water.

- Never use strong detergents, mild household soap on a soft sponge will remove most marks.
- Remove oil with Swarfega, or tricloethylene.

REPAIRS

- At the end of the season, send off your sails to the Sail Loft for any repairs or adjustments. There's a chance you could overlook any minor repairs if you leave it until the next season.
- Your sail maker will check over the sails to look out for any wear and tear.
- All major repairs should be sent to our Sail Loft in Northampton for examination as they have the best chance of getting the correct shape back into the repaired sail.

SEE YOU ON THE WATER!



ADVICE FROM OUR SAILING EXPERTS

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK SAILS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO MAINTAIN THE BEST PERFORMANCE. CALL IF YOU NEED ANY MORE HELP ON 01604 592 808