

J-88 Rigging improvements

When looking over your boat for a new racing season, make sailing easier and faster with 14 simple details that make a difference.

1. Lace the bow between the lace lines and the deck forward of the mast. This helps keep sails on board during Genoa and spinnaker takedowns.
2. Calibrate outhaul, backstay adjuster, for easy repeatable trim.
3. Add a Masthead Fly for fast easy wind checks by skipper and crew.
4. Reference marks for easy jib trim. Also add lace lines on the V of the shrouds. This helps prevent the spinnaker from fowling in the V during a spinnaker takedown.
5. Tylaska shackle added to tack line for fast easy spinnaker setup.
6. Instruments added at an easy location for the entire crew to see and use.
7. Replace screw shackles with snap shackles for fast easy sail changes on roller furling headstays. Use 2 Ronstan RF6130 snap shackle.
8. Add a tuff luff prefeeder to headstay for fast easy sail changes. Lace the prefeeder tight to the headstay for good alignment to the feeder on the system.
9. Add line bags and winch handle pockets to help keep the boat tidy and control lines accessible for use.
10. The mainsheet Course & fine tune should be forward of the traveler makes fine-tune of the main easier to work.
11. Add a snap shackle to the stanchion base to hold the spinnaker halyard out of the way when the spinnaker is down.
12. Lead the Cunningham aft to stopper on the Starboard side next to the spinnaker halyard. Keep the purchase simple with 3:1 under the gooseneck, combined with a 2:1 purchase above the gooseneck. Use the gooseneck fair leads to keep the purchase in line and neat. This allows crew in the cockpit to easily adjust the Cunningham.
13. Get the jib sheets splice with a Tylaska J-8 attachment to the clew. Keep the attachments as tight as possible for the inhaulers to work well.
14. Make sure your stoppers for the halyards and tack line are working properly.

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