

UFO 22 Sailing Guide

Preparation

Your preparation goals should be to ensure:

The boat is safe and strong enough not to fail in any condition.

You present a clean profile boat to the wind and water.

You allow smooth, easy and hazard-free control of all adjustments.

Hull, Keel and Rudder

Everything should be very clean. Make sure the keel is not being scratched while raising and lowering it.

Rig

The rig requires only a minimum amount of work.

- Install a Dinghy Model Windex on the mast crane.
- Install a stiff backstay batten on the mast crane.
- Tape the ends of the spreaders to protect the spinnaker.
- Place black tape marks around the spreaders to use as trimming reference marks.
- Install a short piece of shock cord around the front of the mast, attached to both lower shrouds 15cm below the spreaders to prevent the spinnaker halyard from getting caught during the spinnaker set.
- Polish the mast and track with a coat of silicone-based marine wax.

Deck Layout

There are a few small items that will improve your boat handling:

- Lubricate the spinnaker pole with a dry Teflon.
- Mark the pole extender line for maximum pole extension.
- Shackle the jib tack ring to the furler so that the foot of the sail will fold on the deck 4-5cm in medium/heavy conditions. Use a longer shackle so the sail will stay higher (1-2cm fold on deck) in light conditions.
- Wind the roller furling drum clockwise so the jib will furl counter-clockwise. This will prevent the spinnaker sheets from being furled in the jib.
- Adjust lifeline tension so they will extend to the maximum class rule.
- Use tapered Y spinnaker sheets so the sheets do not snag on the furled jib during jibes.
- Install a carabiner on the boom at the outhaul block to lead the tail of the spinnaker halyard through to prevent the halyard from cleating on the douse.