

# WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THOSE LINES?

For those of you who are new to the Snipe, I have put together a matrix I wish I'd had when I was getting started. For the things you do that you are sure about, keep doing them. The point is to have a level of confidence that allows you to get your head out of the boat and join us in the race. Even in heavy air, having con-

fidence that you will not invert the mast downwind helps you concentrate on balancing the boat or steering down the deepest part of the wave. In a real blow, I still sometimes follow the suggestion in the matrix, to cleat both the forward and aft pullers after the mast is prebent and forget about it for the rest of the day. The same

with the outhaul, "pull it in and let's go." Make your own matrix, make several copies and give them to those two or three people that crew for you throughout the year. You will be surprised to see how removing doubt can eliminate delay and make a team.

	Beat	Reach	Broad reach/run
<b>Jib Luff and Cunningham</b> light air medium heavy	Leave a hint of wrinkles  Cunningham tight only	Remove wrinkles	Off
<b>Mast Pullers drifter</b>  heavy air (or vang sheeting)	Normally off Off, if you're slow try some forward puller. Cleat both forward & aft at prebent position.	Aft just to straighten mast  Cleat both forward and aft at prebent position.	Aft just to straighten mast  Cleat both forward and aft at prebent position.
<b>Jib halyard</b>	Prebent according to sailmaker.	Ease enough to remove prebent	All the way out
<b>Centerboard</b>	Down	Half way up or as high as possible without the boat creeping sideways.	All the way up
<b>Vang</b>	Looser than mainsheet trim. Vang-sheet when over-powered or puffy. Trim vang until you can control the boat, ease in the lulls. Ease prior to the mark to avoid damage.	Top batten parallel to boom or slightly looser.	Top batten slightly looser than parallel to boom, or if you are trying to steer low, tighter than parallel.
<b>Traveler</b>	Normally centered. Drop down when pointing is not as important or to depower.	n/a	n/a
<b>Jib Leads</b>	Normally on trim line. Forward of trim line if sheeting loose. Aft of trim line if sheeting tight.	n/a	n/a
<b>Weight in-out drifter planing</b>	Flat to slight lee heel. Heel to leeward.	Neutralize rudder helm. Heel to leeward. Flat	Neutralize rudder helm. Heel to leeward. Flat
<b>Weight fore-aft drifter planing</b>	Normally max waterline. Try to lift stern.	Max waterline. Lift stern. Slightly aft to induce plane when puff hits. Moving aft maintains a plane longer, but is slower. Moving forward planes faster but ends sooner.	Max waterline. Lift stern. Don't let bow plow!
<b>Outhaul</b>	In Out 1" if heavy chop.	Out 2" Pull in if overpowered.	Out 2" Pull in if unstable.

# WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THOSE HINDERS?

For those of you who are new to this sport, I have put together a manual which will help you get started. This manual is not a "cook book" but rather a guide to help you understand the things you need to do to have a successful season. I hope you will find this manual helpful and enjoy it as you read it. I have put a lot of thought into this manual and hope you will find it useful.

What to do	How to do it	When to do it	Why do it
Remove wrinkles from your gear	Use a clothes iron or steam iron to remove wrinkles from your gear.	Before you go to bed.	Wrinkles in your gear can cause blisters and chafing.
Check your gear for damage	Look for tears, holes, and loose threads in your gear.	Before you go to bed.	Damage to your gear can cause blisters and chafing.
Wash your gear	Wash your gear in a machine with detergent.	Once a week.	Washing your gear helps to remove dirt and odors.
Dry your gear	Hang your gear in a well-ventilated area.	After you wash it.	Drying your gear helps to prevent mold and mildew.
Use a clothes line	Use a clothes line to hang your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes line helps to dry your gear faster.
Use a clothes rack	Use a clothes rack to hang your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes rack helps to dry your gear faster.
Use a clothes basket	Use a clothes basket to store your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes basket helps to keep your gear organized.
Use a clothes bag	Use a clothes bag to carry your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes bag helps to keep your gear organized.
Use a clothes hamper	Use a clothes hamper to store your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes hamper helps to keep your gear organized.
Use a clothes cabinet	Use a clothes cabinet to store your gear.	Whenever you have space.	A clothes cabinet helps to keep your gear organized.
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