
Boom Reef Fitting

Posted by walsh - 2008/07/07 13:30

Hi,

I have just bought a new main sail (the original 30 year old sail that came with Swift was looking a bit tired!

I am looking to change the way in which my reef-lines are held on the boom- currently with what I imagine to be the original V-Block'S which are rubbish (i usually end up tying the lines off at the mast somewhere which is less than ideal) I know I have a number of options open to me but am interested to see what others have done. Any pictures of peoples current Set-up would be good.

Thanks

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Posted by Chris Hawkes - 2008/07/09 21:01

Try taking both reef lines back to the mast (or to blocks on the gooseneck area), mastfoot and then to deck clutches. It means you don't think twice about reefing as someone in the cockpit is pulling reef lines whilst someone is at the mast for the luff cringles. On Minx, my first reef is single line reefing which means we can reef in about 30-40 seconds (taking it out is a bit longer as the reef lines don't seem to run out so easily and need a bit of help). The second reef is not single line, i.e. it has reef line + luff cringle onto tack horns but that was to avoid miles of reefing lines.

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