

Proper Treatment Of Sails:

- Don't use your new sail in excessive wind. Check with your sailmaker for the wind range appropriate to your new sail.
- Make sure all laminate/film overlapping headsails are equipped with spreader patches.
- Don't luff or flog your sails unnecessarily or motor with your sails up.
- Shorten sail as soon as conditions demand it.
- Don't allow running backstays, topping lifts and un-used halyards to slap against sails.
- Don't over tension halyards. You should normally use just enough halyard tension to remove all but a small amount of horizontal wrinkles in the sail.
- Make sure that furling headsail covers face out when rolled
- When possible, make sure to cover your sails or stow them below to keep them out of the sun when not in use.
- Remember to ease halyard tension on furling headsails and mainsails when not using them.
- The same applies to outhaul tension on mainsails along with leech and foot lines
- Don't over tension leech lines. Apply just enough leech line tension to remove leech flutter.
- It is important to have proper fore and aft lead position to avoid over straining either the leech or foot of the Genoa.
- Always roll sails when possible and if you do have to fold them, avoid folding on the same spot
- If you use your sails in saltwater, always try to rinse them with freshwater after use
- Always try to dry your sails before storing them and store your sails in a dry location
- Don't fold that new sail and carry it around in the trunk of your car. Temperatures can reach 120+ degrees and can damage your new sail.

Sail Repair:

- Patch minor tears with sticky-backed "insignia" cloth or sail repair tape. Do not use duct tape or shipping tape to repair sails. When using these other tapes they can distort the finish on the sailcloth when the time comes to properly repair the sail.
- Large repairs are best handled by your sailmaker due to their complexity and to ensure no further damage to the sail.

Sail Care and Maintenance:

- At the end of each season try to lay your sails out and inspect them for chafe, tears or broken stitching. If you are unable to do this it is always a good idea to have the trained eye of your sail maker look your sails over annually during the off season.



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