

Spinnaker Rigging

Sheets (2) – have snap shackles but no donuts. Usually green and red flecks for starboard and port. Run outboard of everything to **spreacher** blocks and **secondary** winches.

Guys (2) – have both snap shackles and donuts. Connect through the **large snatch blocks** to the **primary** winches. Hold spinnaker pole out to windward. Connect to tack of spin. Guys have donuts to hold lines in the jaw of pole when active. These guys are afterguys. **Guys go to sheets.**

Preventers (2) – have snap shackles and look like spin sheets, usually red fleck. Used to prevent accidental jibes when sailing down wind. Connect through the **small snatch blocks** back to the primary winches (shared with guys) or directly to a **cleat**.

Foreguy (1) – holds the spin pole forward and down.

Blocks

Large snatch – toe rail just aft of midship.

Small snatch – toe rail just aft of bow pulpit.

Spreacher – large sheave for sheets.

Primary – for guys (may share with preventer)

Secondary – for sheets

Connecting Lines to Sail

1. This rigging assumes a jib/genoa is up and that the spinnaker will be raised behind it. The sheets and guys will be active on opposite sides.
2. Attach pole to mast and position it toward windward side of boat.
3. Lead the windward (lazy) sheet with **active guy** around forestay, under foot of jib, to the windward clew of the spinnaker.
4. Place the windward guy line into the jaw of the spin pole, making sure that spin sheet stays on top of pole.
5. Lead leeward (active) sheet with the **lazy guy** under the foot of the jib to leeward spin clew.
6. Rig preventer on leeward side where the main boom will be.
7. Attach t-lift and foreguy to pole
8. Pull the spin halyard around and under the foot of the jib and connect to head of spin. Everything should be forward of headsail so spin will come up in front of headsail.
9. Double-check everything.

Setting the Pole

1. Helm: “**STANDY BY TO SET POLE.**”
2. Bow: lift pole at outboard end.
3. Bow: verify lazy sheet is on top of pole. Report “**BOW READY.**” Preventer can take in t-lift.
4. Mast: prepare to release jib halyard and hoist spin halyard.
5. Mast: set height for pole on mast track. Report “**MAST READY.**”
6. Spin Guy: take turns on winch and anticipates needed line length. Report “**GUY READY.**”
7. Spin Sheet: take turns on winch. Verify lazy guy is clear. Be prepared to ease jib. Cleat jib sheet. Standby to raise spin. Report “**SHEET READY.**”
8. Spin grinder: normally required.
9. Mainsheet: insure sheet is clear.
10. Sheet and Guy can begin to pre-trim sheet and guy.

Avoid twisting during hoist by checking packing and keeping leeches (clews) well separated during hoist.

Spinnaker Set (Hoisting the Spinnaker)

1. Helm: “**SET THE SPINNAKER.**”
2. Helm: bears away to course down wind.
3. Bow: hoists (jumps) spinnaker.
4. Mast: tails for bow. Calls “**HIGH**”
5. Guy: begin trimming pole perpendicular to wind.
6. Sheet: takes in on sheet allowing spinnaker to fill.
7. Bow: prepares to take in jib.
8. Mast: lowers jib.
9. Bow: disconnects halyard and moves back to base of mast to keep area clear.

Some Tips

1. Pole perpendicular to apparent wind.
2. Pole parallel to water.
3. Clew heights equal.
4. Pole position steady.
5. Ease spinnaker sheet.
6. Ensure that cleats for spinnaker pole car adjustment line are secure.
7. Mark topping lift line at point where pole clears forestay.
8. When jibing keep wind dead aft.
9. Guys go to sheets.

Jibing the Spinnaker

1. (a) Helm: “**PREPARE TO JIBE.**” (b) Bow: verify spin sheet not fouled on pole.
2. Sheet: sheets clear, turns on sec winch, “**SHEET READY**”
3. (a) Guy: turns on pri winch, “**GUY READY**” (b) Grinder: breaks preventer. “**PREVENTER FREE.**”
4. Mainsheet: free self-tailer “**MAIN RDY.**”
5. T-Lift: free self-tailer “**T_LIFT RDY.**”
6. Mast: raise inboard end of pole, “**MAST READY.**”
7. Bow take bight of lazy guy in hand, “**BOW READY.**”
8. Helm: “**BEARING AWAY.**” Pole should be as far aft as possible without hitting shroud before jibing. Want wind dead aft.
9. Main: begin centering main with help.
10. Helm: “**TRIP & DIP,**” pauses jibe while new guy made and pole re-set.
11. (a) Mast: trip spinnaker pole jaws. (b) T-Lift eases line to lower outboard end of pole. (c) Old guy frees old guy.
12. Bow: **DO NOT GET BETWEEN POLE AND HEADSTAY.** Snap new guy into pole jaw as pole comes around. When done, “**GUY MADE.**”

Jibbing the Spinnaker

13. Upon hearing “**GUY MADE,**” Mast, T-lift, Guy, and Spin go into action.
14. T-lift trims t-lift and foreguy.
15. Guy trims new guy bringing pole to apparent wind.
16. Sheet trims new sheet
17. Helm “**JIBE HO,**” and turns boat so wind is about 160° on the jibe.
18. Main allows boom cross centerline.
19. Helm continues turn.
20. Grinder: sets new preventer.

Dousing The Spinnaker

1. Raise genoa first. It keeps boat moving and creates a lee for a controlled collapse of the spin.
2. Ease t-lift and guy so that Bow can reach the clew of the sail, which should move behind genoa. After guy and foreguy continue to stabilize pole.
3. Start gathering spin as halyard is lowered. Keep spinnaker out of water.
4. Lower pole, secure pole, and repack sail