

How to furl away a Jib / Genoa

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In this episode we teach you how to furl away your jib, enjoy!

Welcome back to another Inspire and Learn episode. My name is Joe Fox from TMG. Today yet again we are going back to basics. We are going to look at how to safely furl your jib, from a set sail to neatly furling it away around the forestay for marina mode.

We're going to talk through easing the sheet and pulling on the furling line in order to furl this around the forestay. Come with me and I'll show you how.

In a previous episode we looked at how to unfurl this sail, so the opposite action of what we are going to do. Using that knowledge we are going to do the reverse.

In order to pull on the jib we are going to pull on the furling line, which as discussed before is the line running along the deck. Simultaneously we are going to ease out on the sheet, allowing the sail to move forward as the furling line wraps it around the forestay.

It's important, you can do this in any wind angle except head to wind, because as I mentioned before the sail will become a flag and will be flapping, making lots of noise and potentially damaging the sail as well. You can furl while you are sailing on any angle as long as you're not head to wind.

In order to pull on the furling line, if it's light wind like it is today, you can pull on it by hand. If you need more power or there is a stronger wind you can run it to a spinnaker winch that we have here. If you do not have a spinnaker winch fitted in a location like this, on the Lagoon 42 you can run this furling line all the way to the electric winch.

For demonstration purposes I'm just going to pull it by hand because we are in such light wind at the moment. Before we pull on the furling line to put away the sail, we're going to ease off the jib sheet. If we are sailing along in a lot of wind, there will be a lot of pressure on this, so safely open the clutch with the winch loaded, we then ease off and let out the sheet as we pull in on the furling line.

On a day like today (and I'm on my own, bear in mind) so I'm going to do this slightly differently, I'm going to take off nearly all the turns. The sail will go out slightly, then I can run down to the furling line and pull that in by hand.

Two people certainly make this easier. If you do want to run this up to the helm station you can do it with one person, but it's always nice to get your guests involved so they don't get too much of a free ride :)

From this position at the stern I can actually see the sail going around the forestay. I can see that it is just fully wrapped up. So I use the locking mechanism on the block to ensure the furling line doesn't run out unfurling the sail. I can then go and pull in the slack on the sheet at the helm station.

And there we go! While doing this operation you would probably be on autopilot like I am today, sailing on just the Main the boat is moving nice and slowly, it's very controlled. If you need to, turn on your engines for a bit more reliability and predictability, it might also make you feel more confident.

I hope you enjoyed this episode. I'm a bit out of breath, next time I'll use an electric winch for sure :D

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