

RAISING THE MAST R 26

Equipment items required:

- A. Boom
- B. Mainsheet tackle
- C. Two jib sheets
- D. Two jib sheet snap shackle blocks
- E. Mast support bracket

Procedure:

- A. Pick mast up from trailering position and carry aft.
- B. Set mast down with butt end at hinge and stern support bracket about two feet from spreaders. Push pivot pin into place.
- C. Connect backstay and the port and starboard upper shrouds to chainplates. Note: Once the entire rig is tuned, only the forestay and two forward lower shrouds need be disconnected for trailering.
- D. Lay the jib sheets along the deck, port and starboard, reeve thru snapshackle blocks.
- E. Snap the two sheet blocks to the rail aft of the rear chain plates.
- F. Lay boom along mast with clew casting toward the bow and next to mast hinge.
- G. Take rope tail of main halyard and secure to shackle on clew outhaul casting of boom. Be sure shackle of halyard is fastened to eye on mast.
- H. Tie ends of jib sheet to mainsheet bail on boom.
- I. Bring mainsheet fiddle block forward to forestay fitting protruding thru bowsprit. Secure to either $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole.
- J. While holding loose ends of jib sheets in hand, pick boom up and raise to a vertical position. Snug mainsheet.
- K. Engage gooseneck slide in small tubular fitting on face of mast at butt end.
- L. Draw in slack on two jib sheets. Now the boom is guyed in a vertical position.
- M. While holding tightly to the jib sheets, bring together and snub to the two jib sheet cleats or forward to the bow cleat.
- N. With the boom in vertical position, the backstay, two upper shrouds secure and ready to guy the mast, you're ready to hoist.
- O. Haul in on mainsheet, at the same time watch the mast and boom so they won't sway sideways. Take up tension on the jib sheets if they show a tendency to sway sideways.
- P. With the mast snug vertically, pull forestay forward and engage in fitting.
- Q. Disconnect boom and tackle. Connect lower shrouds and tune rigging.