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## SPINNAKER SOCK – Fitting Instructions

If possible, it's often easier to fit a spinnaker sock to the sail in an open flat area such as a park. Pick a day that's not windy and take a spare line or sail tie to secure the top of the spinnaker sock to a tree or post if working by yourself.

### Fitting the Sock to the Spinnaker

**Step 1:** Pull the sock out straight and push your arm in from the bottom end (the large end) all the way to the top (small end) while scrunching the sock over your arm.

**Step 2:** Be sure to avoid twisting the sock as you do this. For this reason, we have fitted a colored edge tape to assist.

**Step 3:** You'll then feel a small webbing strop with a shackle on it. Attach this to the head of your spinnaker. Be sure to tighten the shackle securely to avoid it coming undone.

**Step 4:** While someone holds the top of the spinnaker sock (or tie it off to tree or post)- pull the sock down over the spinnaker. Its standard practice for the bottom corners of the spinnaker to be hanging out the bottom of the sock for easy access.

**Step 5:** When bagging the sail and sock, be sure to keep the head/tack/clew and the sock up/down line accessible. Our optional spinnaker box bags are great for this as they have 3 individual straps to attach all 3 corners to make it easy to identify onboard.

### Hoisting the Spinnaker

**Step 1:** Ready to hoist? When you're on the boat, attach the halyard to the small metal ring on top of the sock.

**Step 2:** Attach spinnaker sheets and tack strop as per normal.

**Step 3:** Then hoist the sock into the air ensuring you have a hold of the up/down lines which are in the sock.

**Step 4:** When you are ready to deploy the spinnaker, pull the UP line which will hoist the sock to the top.

**Step 5:** Whilst sailing it's a good idea to tie the up/down line to a rail or cleat so it is ready for when you want to pull the sock down (with the DOWN line) when you are preparing to drop the spinnaker.

### Dropping the Spinnaker

Ease the sheets so that the spinnaker flaps and pull the sock down over it with the down line.

Happy sailing!