

User guideline

Boats with the pit by the cockpit

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Mounting Deckchute on up to 35'

Mounting Deckchute on the boat and loading the spinnaker into Deckchute is best done in harbor.

Leaving harbor you are ready for spinnaker action - right away.



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1. Line up the empty Deckchute on the boats port side, pit to foredeck.
2. Turn the frontline in its padeye or loopeye on the foredeck.
3. Take the frontline to a Spinlock/Jammer at the pit. Pull it hard.
4. Alternative: Tie the frontline hard to the mast. Turn it in a loop on itself to tie the Deckchute front real hard to its padeye on the foredeck.

Downwind ApS

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Tie the pit line to a small pad-eye or to something solid at the pit. Not a lot of load here. Pit end of Deckchute is well in front of port Spinlocks, if any.

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Unbag the spinnaker on the foredeck, run luff and leech through, place it tack in front, Tie or softjacket the halyard, sheets and tackline to the spinnaker. Tylaskas or metal shackles will damage the smooth surface of the Deckchute ring.

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Tackl on ring on tack to avoid that metal hits the Deckchute ring and damage its surface.

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Run the dropline (blue line) through the chute to the pit.

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Pull dropline to load the spinnaker into deckchute.

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When tack corner is at the pit, you go on pulling the droplines mid section.

When the lower patch is at the pit, you go on pulling the droplines top section until the spinnaker is loaded into Deckchute.

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Job done. the lower- and the upper patch is at the pit, the droplines are orderly, and ready to run in the hoist.

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The tackline is jumping the pullpit and is turned in the bow or on a bowsprit. The sheets are tied to clew, the halyard is attached.

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13 and 14.

Close Deckchute's second zip. It "shrinks" the chute and compresses the spinnaker inside it. The second zip keeps wind and water out of Deckchute when going upwind.

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Take halyard back to port side stays and secure it by a sjackel. It is still tied to the head of the spinnaker. This keeps the halyard out of the way of the jib while going upwind, tacking away

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Ready to leave harbor and go upwind:
White arrow: Deckchute ring is put flat on the deck, the second zip is closed and the halyard SHOULD HAVE BEEN taken back and turned in its sjackel.
Things to remember before hoisting the spinnaker: Put the Deckchute ring back on its feet, open the second zip, release halyard from its sjackel at port side stays.

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Ready to leave harbor and hoist the spinnaker right away:
White arrow: The Deckchute ring is on its feet, the second zip is open, the halyard is hanging free from the mast.