

User Guideline

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*Mounting Deckchute,
loading the gennaker into
Deckchute*

DECKCHUTE
Harness your Rites

Loading the gennaker into Deckchute is done on the boat, while still in harbour. Follow the three steps:

1. Mount the empty Deckchute between its two padeyes and secure it to the mast.
2. Tie the gennaker lying on the foredeck to halyard, sheets and tackline.
(No hooks, sjackels ect.)
3. Pull the Backtail line through the empty Deckchute, run the gennaker into Deckchute by pulling the Backtail line from the cockpit.



Start by lining up the empty Deckchute.



The Frontline of Deckchute is turned in its padeye on the foredeck, and is directed to the pit.



The Frontline of Deckchute is run through its jammer at the pit. Could be the jammer for the 2nd reef.



The Pitline of Deckchute is tied to its padeye or to the base of the jammers. It secures the pitend of Deckchute just in front of the jammers.



Tighten up Deckchute by pulling the Frontline. Pull it hard by hand and close its jammer. Deckchute is now stretched and is positioning itself in "lanunch and retrieve mode".



Secure Deckchute to the mast by tying its maststrap. Now it is time to load the gennaker into Deckchute: Unbag it on the foredeck. Pull its Backtail line through the empty Deckchute to the pit.



Tie the halyard, the tackline and the sheets to the the gennaker. No hooks, sjackles ect. They will get stuck, tearing Deckchute, and damaging the smooth surface of the Deckchute ring.



Load the gennaker lying on the foredeck into Deckchute by pulling its Backtail line: In this case the blue line, which is attached to the gennakers tack corner and lower pad by branchlines. Pull it from the cockpit bypassing the brachlines until the gennaker is loaded, resting in Deckchute.



Ready for action. Tackline, halyard, and sheets is exciting the front end of Deckchute.



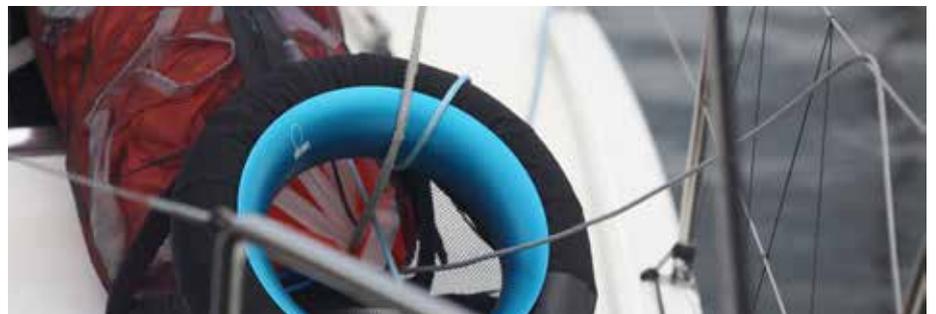
Leaving harbour you may bring Deckchute to "upwind mode": Ease Frontline of Deckchute - open its jammer.



Pull the up/down-moedeline. (The thin line sitting with the Pitline). The Frontline will run, allowing the front-end of Deckchute to travel back and lower itself, lying flat on the foredeck.



Ready to leave harbour: Deckchute is now in upwind mode. It is lying flat on the foredeck. It is secured by tying the Fidusline, and taking the slack out of the Frontline.



Remember to bring Deckchute to "lanunch and retrieve mode" before launching the gennaker. This is done by easing the Fidusline and tighten up Deckchute by pulling the Frontline. Pull it hard by hand and close its jammer. Deckchute is now streched and is positioning itself in "lanunch and retrieve mode".



Ready to leave harbour

Deckchute is in launch and retrieve mode: The ring is in an oblique angle to the foredeck. Halyard, tackline and two sheets exits the Deckchute ring. The Backtail line exits the pit end of Deckchute. The tackline is jumping the pullpit, is turned at the bowsplint and is running on the deck back to its jammer at the pit. If you intend to use the same gennaker the next time you go sailing, the gennaker stays in Deckchute after sailing. Dismount the lines, sheets and the halyard and store Deckchute loaded with the gennaker until next time.