



# Boatshare Guide - Basic and Intermediate

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**Thank you for joining the Squadron's Boatshare! Below is a Guide to our Basic and Intermediate boats. You can find our Advanced Boats Guide here -** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vVRIUUVJGQ57D4A0Giv1glzDfFml4LXY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117226021820848207731&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## Overview

Our Boatshare guide serves as a reference to Sarasota Sailing Squadron members who are checked out on club Boatshare boats. The scope of this guide starts with what a sailor should be thinking about and doing before heading for a sail at the club, to getting a boat ready to sail, to cleaning up and wrapping up. As you use this document, please feel free to offer suggestions to the office in case additional clarification is needed in this guide. You can reach out to us at [manager@ssssailing.com](mailto:manager@ssssailing.com). You can also see the Boatshare [Policy](#) or [website](#) for more specifics on Boatshare.

## Office contact and hours

The office is open seven days a week from 9 am - 5 pm. Boatshare is available 9 am - 4pm, weather permitting. If you have any issues, you can contact anyone in the office. David Hobbs manages the maintenance of the equipment. When something isn't working right, your maintenance requests go to him. If you're unable to sail the boat due to the maintenance item, let us know in person, by phone at 941-388-2355 or at [manager@ssssailing.com](mailto:manager@ssssailing.com).

## Presail - Before driving to the Squadron

When you decide you'd like to go sailing, there are a few things that you need to take care of before heading to the club.

1) Forecast - Check the forecasted environmental conditions for the date and time which you'd like to sail. There are many resources on the internet, and a couple specific resources are suggested below:

- Wind, Weather, and Tide: Sailflow <https://www.sailflow.com/flowview/play/263522>
- Windy: [www.windy.com](http://www.windy.com)

Note - the forecast must be less than 15mph for your sail on Boatshare boats. You must also evaluate your skill, the skill of your crew, and the boat you are taking out, when deciding if it is safe for you to sail given the forecast.

2) Reserve your boat on RecHub.

For boats requiring a tractor for launching, such as the America 18, you must reserve the boat at least 24 hours in advance. Boats are available from 9am - 4pm daily. Quick steps to reserve are as follows:

- a) Go to [www.sailingsquadron.com](http://www.sailingsquadron.com). In the menu, select "[Member Login](#)"
- b) Once logged in, go to the top drop down "Equipment" menu, and then select "[Equipment reservations calendar](#)"
- c) Select your boat for the desired time and complete reservation steps.
  - Time - if you can, pick a morning (9-12) or afternoon (12-4) for half day. If the date function isn't working, edit the text here, "12/01/2021 12:00 PM - 12/01/2021 4:00 PM" and paste it into RecHub.
  - Equipment - select only the boat you want to take out, highlighted in blue
  - Equipment usage - member sailing
  - Event leaders - your name
  - Leave blank - "repeat schedule", "reservation title" and "description"

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## 3) Packing

- a) A car bag with dry clothes and a towel for when you are done sailing (stays in your car)
- b) For your sail
  - Inherently Buoyant Personal Floatation Device (non-inflatable PFD) w/whistle
  - [VHF radio](#) - you must bring your own!  
No VHF radio, no sailing
  - Hat
  - Water bottle (preferably reusable)
  - Sunglasses
  - Close toed shoes
  - Watch
  - Gloves

## 4) Apply sunscreen just before you head to the Squadron

\*NOTE-Squadron boats are not to be used to teach lessons to members or nonmembers. Lessons and race clinics are available through the office, email [membership@sarasotasailingsquadron.org](mailto:membership@sarasotasailingsquadron.org) for more information.\*

## Arrival at the Squadron

You just arrived at the Squadron, ready to sail. You'll need to stop by the office to check in and pick up a few items.

### Office

The office is located toward the rear of the main building. The illustration below describes how to locate the entrance of the Squadron office:



Once in the office, you will need to do the following:

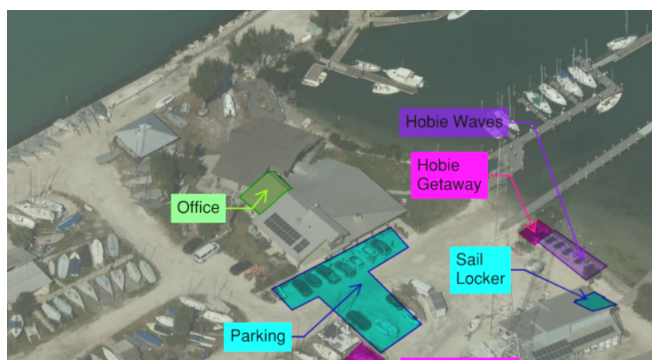
- 1) File a float plan. Paper copies of the float plan forms are kept on a blue clipboard that is hung on the wall, to the left as you enter the office. You can also print off the form and fill it out ahead of time using this [link](#). Here is a photo of where the forms can be found. Once completed, place in the clear holder by the stairs.
- 2) Pick up the following items from the office:
  - a) Keys for the sail locker (applicable to the Hobie wave and Getaway). Note that you will be returning this key to the office immediately after you unlock the locker. If no one is in the office, you can find the keys up where the staff sits, by the printer, in the box on the wall
  - b) Paddle should be stored on boat. Confirm that yours is still on the boat. Additional paddles located outside, where the pavilion and the office overlap
  - c) Please bring your own
    - VHF Radio - Turn on radio and increase volume, set to channel 72. Perform radio check. The office monitors channel 72 on the VHF for radio check. Switch to fleet channel and let office know which channel you are changing to if participating in a fleet day. Do not take radios labeled for coaches or RC.
    - Life jackets - if additional are needed for your crew, they are outside the office by the paddles. You should have packed your own PFD with a whistle.

You are welcome to leave car keys and cellphone in the office while you are on the water. Place them in the bowl in the middle of the table.



Boatshare - Squadron Boat Rental

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## Shore Activities

After you leave the office, you will need to find your boat. Shore activities will vary depending on which boat you are sailing. The locations of the various Boatshare boats are mapped [here](#).

### Hobie Wave Shore Activities - FOR OTHER BOATS, SEE APPENDIX

1. Find the sail locker where the Hobie Wave Sails are stored and use the key you picked up from the office to open sail locker. This locker can be left open for the rest of the day. The sail locker is on the breezeway of the Dinghy Storage Building, located behind the SYS building. Return the sail locker key to the office immediately after opening. Do not take this key sailing with you.
2. Collect the correct sail from the sail locker. Sails are rolled in the sail locker.
3. Go to your boat with your sail. Identify your boat by looking at the bow number sticker on the hull. This number should match the number of the boat you reserved.

### Crosscheck and Rigging

Once you locate your boat, you will need to conduct a crosscheck of the boat to make sure it is ready to sail.

#### Crosscheck

- 1) Check the cotter rings or “ring dings” – these are the round rings that look like keychain rings. These need to be intact and not damaged so that they can hold various clevis pins in place. They are commonly bumped and knocked out of round and need to be replaced. You will find these on the side stays, forestays, and various blocks.
- 2) Tiller retainer – make sure this is in place.
- 3) Wear/tear on main sheet, halyard & blocks. Check for chafing on all of the sheets and halyards.
- 4) Side forestays & hardware at forestay intersection



#### Rigging

You can review how to rig the Hobie Wave using this video from our friends at Sail Sarasota, [using this link](#).

- 5) Remove the sail from the bag. Place the bag in the SYS Lost and Found, by their water fountain. Avoid leaving the bag on the beach.
- 6) Untie your boat, push it out of the line of boats and then retie the other boats.
- 7) Push the boat into the water so that it floats, and orient the bow into the wind.
- 8) Standing alongside the boat, put sails on the boat.
  - a) Orient the sail so that the luff, the bolt rope side of the sail is facing towards the mast.
  - b) Prefeed head of the bolt rope of the sail into the entry slot on the mast.
  - c) Detach the main halyard from the end of the mainsheet (where it is used as a topping lift), and connect the head of the sail to the halyard using the shackle. Once the halyard is detached from the mainsheet, do not let go of it until it is secured to the head of the sail. Never let go of a halyard until it is secured.
  - d) Look aloft (up the mast) to make sure the main halyard is not tangled or fouled with the side stays or anything else. Make sure the main sail and halyard are clear to hoist with no obstructions.
  - e) Hoist the mainsail. Go slow and stop if you encounter excessive resistance. There are a few common issues that may be causing resistance:
    - i) The boat is not pointed into the wind.
    - ii) The halyard fouled/wrapped on something.
    - iii) The battens of the mainsail are caught on hiking straps or something else.
- 9) Once hoisted, secure the tail end halyard to the horn cleat of the mast using a [cleat hitch](#).



10) Clean up the halyard slack by coiling it and stowing in the bag on the trampoline.

## Launch the Hobie Wave

- 1) Double check the wind and the current
- 2) Make a plan to depart. You want to be on the leeward side of the dock, so that the wind is blowing you off of the dock. Plan where you will aim when you leave, what point of sail you'll be on and when you'll need to tack or jibe.
- 3) Drop rudders. Engage when depth allows (photo). Don't go in reverse.
- 4) Attach mainsheet to clew with S-hook. Make sure sheet is clear and purchase is clean (photo of bad/good)
- 5) Depart, engage rudders as depth allows.
- 6) Adjust departure plan based on current wind. Use landmarks to determine course.
- 7) You are always welcome to walk the boat to the end of the dock if the breeze is not favorable for leaving the dock. Additionally, paddles may be used to get clear of any obstructions.



## Sail

Be aware of the local knowledge passed on to you in your checkout sail. Consult the navigation charts or [Navionics](#) for local info on shoals, New Pass channel, the ICW, Sandbars to the north of New Pass, and other information.

## Sailing areas

Squadron Boatshare boats are expected to stay inside the area of ringling bridge to the south and new pass bridge to the west. Common sailing areas are noted on the Boatshare form using this [legend](#).



## What to do if something goes wrong

Reference our [Emergency Card](#) before you go sailing

- The office is not a rescue organization and generally will not be able to come to your aid. It is your obligation to sail within your means and to double check the boat before you head out.
- If the rescue is due to the skipper's decisions or if office is unable to provide assistance, contact sea tow. The Squadron will reimburse for any sea tow bill due to equipment failure, but not for issues caused by operator error.

### 1) Is everyone OK?

- i) NO: call 911, radio office on channel 72, and if life threatening hail may day on 16
- ii) YES: move on



## 2) Is the boat OK to sail back?

- i) NO: hail office on 72, if no response after 2 attempts, hail SeaTow on 16. Follow Sea Tow's instructions with tow line.
- ii) Maybe
  - (1) If run aground:
    - (a) lift boards
    - (b) Bow into wind or drop sails
    - (c) Get into deeper water
    - (d) Fall off or raise sails
    - (e) head back immediately
  - (2) If capsize:
    - (a) use throw over line – need link
    - (b) hail the office on 72 head back immediately
- iii) YES: hail the office on 72 and head back immediately

## Return

- 3) Just as with leaving the dock, make a plan for returning. Be sure to communicate with your crew. Double check the wind and current.
- 4) Plan on docking upwind so you can ease to depower the sails. This may mean purposefully sailing into irons and coasting, like a J-turn
- 5) Depower the main - if you are unable to sail upwind, be sure to depower your main by completely easing it and making sure it is not powering the boat. This will allow you to coast to a stop.
- 6) Watch the water depth as you approach and be prepared to pull the rudders up. Note that when you lift the rudders, your steering will be limited.

## Derig and Cleanup

- 7) Drop sails with bow pointed into wind
- 8) Roll sails from foot to head
- 9) Detach halyard from sail using shackle
- 10) Attach halyard to main sheet with S-hook for storage - attach forward of the tiller
- 11) Halyard secured at mast with stopper knot and cleat hitch
- 12) Push the boat onto beach, so that it is out of the water at high tide. You can use golf cart, pulling on the crossbeam
- 13) Tie storage line to boat
- 14) Drain the hulls by removing the plugs. You may need to tilt the boat to fully drain. Then immediately replace plugs
- 15) Put sail in bag and return to sail locker with bolt rope down

## Wrap-up

Once you are done sailing and the boat is stowed, you will need to stop by the office before heading out. Here are some things you will need to do:

### FLOAT PLAN

Initial here when back  

☐ Maintenance issues reported on [RechHub](#)

Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ Planned Return Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

- 1. Sign out your float plan. Grab your form out of the bin where you left it, initial the "Initial here when back" section of the form, and then return it to the bin.
- 2. Report damages and any maintenance issues. This can be done at any time using the website but should be done as soon as possible. On the website, login, select "equipment" and then "create maintenance request." Fill out the maintenance request form, describing the issue or item.
- 3. Return the VHF radio and other borrowed supplies.

## Appendix - other boats

### American 18 - "Stars" and "Stripes"

See Alan's guide on the boats - [link](#)

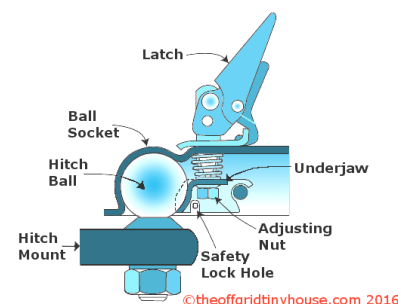
#### Cross check

1. Sails are stored on the boat.
2. Ensure all **three** boat plugs are installed. Two larger plugs keep water from filling the cockpit, shown in gold. The **most important plug** is the **thru hull plug** that keeps water out of the flotation compartment of the boat, shown in **black**, in line with the rudder.
3. Place everything you need inside the boat, including water, etc.
4. Let the office know you are ready for a launch.



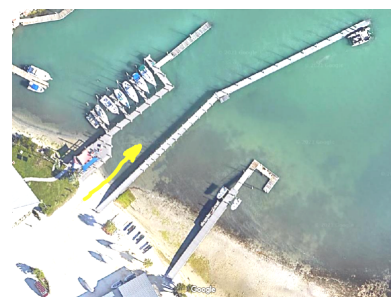
#### Launching

1. Your tractor driver is great at the tractor, but may not be a sailor. It is up to you to make sure your boat is ready to be launched and is launched correctly. Great communication is key.
2. Let the tractor driver know which boat is yours by meeting them at the boat. Once the tractor has backed up to the trailer and the ball is in the coupler, engage the latch and retract the trailer jack. Find more info [here](#).
3. Let the tractor driver know which side of the ramp you prefer. All trailered Boatshare boats will be launched between docks B and C. Your choice is favoring dock B or dock C, based on the wind.
4. When your driver has backed the boat to the ramp, but the boat is not yet in the water, grab the bow line and release the boat from the trailer, by disengaging the winch and disconnecting the winch strap attached to the bow eye.
5. Once you have the boat ready to launch, step back from the trailer and let the driver know you are ready for them to continue backing up to launch the boat.
6. Once the boat is in the water, tie the bow line to the dock so that the boat can point into the wind. If the wind or other dock traffic does not allow your bow to point into the wind, move the boat around the dock until you can.
7. Tractor driver returns the trailer to the storage location.



#### Rigging

1. Lower the centerboard by uncleating the red line and slowly letting the board lower. Cleat the green line to secure the centerboard down.
2. Lower the rudder and secure
3. Shake out any lines. Make sure the main sheet and downhaul are eased, so that they are not fighting you as you hoist.
4. Remove the mainsail cover and place it in the cubby towards the front of the boat.
5. Secure the main halyard to the head of the sail. Look aloft to make sure the halyard is not tangled. Never let go of the halyard.
6. Plan your departure. Double check the wind and the current. You want to be on the leeward side of the dock, so that the wind is blowing you off of the dock. Plan where you will aim when you leave, what point of sail you'll be on and when you'll need to tack or jibe. Communicate your plan with your crew.



7. Remove any sail ties and anything else holding the boom down. Hoist the mainsail. Feed the bolt rope of the sail into the entry slot on the mast.. Hoist the mainsail. Go slow and stop if you encounter excessive resistance. There are a few common issues that may be causing resistance:
  - i) The boat is not pointed into the wind.
  - ii) The halyard fouled/wrapped on something.
  - iii) The battens of the mainsail are caught on stays or something else.
8. Once hoisted, secure the tail end halyard to the horn cleat of the mast using a [cleat hitch](#). Clean up the halyard slack by coiling it and tucking it between the halyard and the mast. Ease the topping lift. Secure the Downhaul. When hoisting, be sure the boom does not pop out of the mast track.
9. To unfurl the jib, release the furling lines and pull on a jib sheet.

## Sail - See main [Sail](#) section

### Leaving the dock

10. You are now ready to leave the dock. Adjust departure plan based on current wind. Use landmarks to determine course.
11. You are always welcome to walk the boat to the end of the dock if the breeze is not favorable for leaving the dock. Additionally, paddles may be used to get clear of any obstructions.
12. Best practice is to leave the jib furled when leaving and coming back to the dock.

### Returning

13. Make a plan and communicate with your crew, so you can come into the dock on a close reach and with sails able to ease to depower. You can also douse sails and paddle in. Best practice is to leave the jib furled when leaving and coming back to the dock.
14. Furl the jib. Engage the topping lift, douse the main. Take the head of the sail, fold main at the top batten, line up the leech, roll towards the boom, secure with sail ties. Put the mainsail cover on. Remove the main halyard from the sail and secure to the horn cleat on the mast.
15. Stow lines
16. Once everything else on the boat is done, **raise the rudder and the centerboard**. For the rudder, ease the line that keeps the rudder down, and use the line that raises the rudder, making sure it's fastened securely. For the centerboard, ease the green line that keeps the centerboard down. Pull the red line until you hear a "thunk" and secure the red line in both cleats. The wire attached to the centerboard should be exposed. Double check after your crew is off the boat that it is cleated still.

### Boat on the trailer

17. Once you are on the dock, let the office know you are ready for a tractor driver to come haul you out. The tractor driver will pick up the trailer and meet you by the ramp.
18. The trailer does best in the center, to have enough depth. Communication is key with your driver.
19. Driver backs the trailer to where the furthest forward roller is just under the water.
20. Get in the water and attach the trailer winch line to the bow eye. Ensure the winch is set to ratchet and pull the boat onto the trailer. Step back to the dock or shore, and let your driver know when you are done so they can pull the boat out.
21. Watch the boat to ensure it is sitting on the trailer centered.
22. When the boat is out of the water but still on the ramp, remove the boat plugs .
23. Rinse the boat and trailer thoroughly to help them last longer. Please do not spray your tractor driver!
24. Tractor driver will return the boat to it's storage location. When they are ready, help by lowering the trailer jack and unlatching the trailer from the tractor.

## Wrap-up - See main section, [Wrap-up](#)

## Sunfish - In progress

See Equipment reservation page to know which rack your sunfish is in. The Squadron dolly is black and is stored next to the radio tower and has a "Sarasota Sailing Squadron" sticker on it. You'll need the key from the office to unlock the boat.

Stored in cockpit - mainsheet, bungee for centerboard, paddle,

Boat 2 in 130, manage boom, spars and gooseneck to fit into tube for storage

The office has laminated how-to guides for sunfish



**Sail, Return, Derig and Cleanup, Wrap-up - See main sections, [Sail](#), [Return](#), [Derig](#) and [Cleanup](#), and [Wrap-up](#)**

## Hobie Getaway

### Hobie Getaway Shore Activities

1. The Hobie Getaway mainsails are stored alongside the Hobie Wave Sails in sail locker #8 on the 2nd floor of the SYS building labeled "Small boat storage area." (see [Sail storage photo](#)) and are annotated "Getaway". The key for the locker is held in the office (see [office photo](#)) and once opened, it is usually left open for the rest of the day.
2. If you opened the sail locker return the key immediately to the office. Do not take this key sailing with you.
3. Ensure the two hull end drain plugs are inserted and finger tight.
4. Each hull has a stowage compartment (8" cover), place spare radio, cell phones, water bottles, etc in these and secure hatch.
5. The Getaway Jib is a roller furler so jib is stored on the boat. Remove the jib sheets snatch shackle from the rope loop retainer (see Fig 2), pull the loop through the eyelet and reattach the jib sheets snatch shackle.
  - a. future Fig 2 - Jib Furler Photo
6. Check the fixed rigging:
  - a. Check the forestay is secured correctly on the roller furler block.
  - b. Lift both shroud covers (see Fig 3) and ensure the clevis pins are secured & pinned (cotter rings).
  - c. Lower cover back into place.
  - d. Future Fig 3 - Shroud Covers
7. Both jib sheets and mainsheet/traveler are 'continuous loops'; check they are intact and not chafed.
8. Ensure the Tiller retainers are correctly seated and the shock cord is holding them tension.
9. Remove the main sail from the bag and place on centre trampoline with the luff (bolt rope inset) closest to the mast. Place the sail bag in the SYS Lost and Found, by their water fountain. Avoid leaving the bag on the beach.
10. Untie the boat from the front cross beam, leaving the line attached to the palm tree.
11. Drag/Push the boat into the water (this requires two people) so that it floats, and orient the bows into the wind. Ideally keep part of the hulls on the beach as this will make raising the mainsail easier.
12. Unroll enough of the mainsail (approx. 6') to pre-feed the bolt rope into the mast entry slot.
13. Detach the main halyard from the end of the mainsheet block and sheet (where it is used as a topping lift), and connect it to the head of the mainsail using the shackle. Pre-feed the mainsail into the mast slot and begin hoisting. Move to the bow area (easier to hoist and engage swage), go slowly and stop if you encounter excessive resistance. This could be caused by:
  - a. The boat is not pointed (directly) into the wind.
  - b. The halyard fouled/wrapped on something.

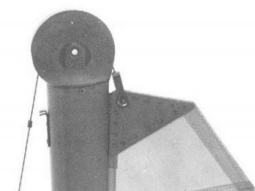


Figure 29

Note the prong halyard catch three inches



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- c. The battens of the mainsail are caught on hiking straps or something else.
14. Once fully up, the Main Halyard is secured using a swage and fork (attached to the front of the mast, see figure 29 and 30), so ensure swage is secured in fork (pull down on the mainsail tack line to check) before securing halyard on the horn cleat using a cleat hitch and storing the excess halyard in the trampoline pouch.
15. Holding the triple mainsheet block/S ring pull out the slack until the sheet (continuous loop) is clear and purchase is clean.

### Launch the Hobie Getaway

16. Assess both wind and current and plan your departure, remembering the Getaway is not very maneuverable in close quarters. With any type of headwind your departure will be far easier and less stressful by walking the boat to the end of the dock. And unlike the Wave paddling against any type of headwind is difficult.
17. Inspect the rudder lockdown cam. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lihUaC2uN-8> for more info and troubleshooting
18. If launching from the dock - drop rudders and ensure lockdown mechanism is engaged, attach mainsheet to clew (middle hole) with S-hook, place tiller extension on the windward side and depart.
19. If launching from beach/shallow water - lower rudders (lock down if possible but unlikely) and ensure tiller extension is placed on the trampoline on the windward side (of the point of sail you will use to leave the beach). Attach mainsheet to clew (middle hole) with S-hook. Maneuver boat into wind and direction of sail (do not reverse as this will damage the rudders), as soon as possible after getting under way (and depth allows) fully lower the rudders and engage the lockdown mechanism.

### Sail, Return, Derig and Cleanup, Wrap-up - See main sections, [Sail](#), [Return](#), [Derig and Cleanup](#), and [Wrap-up](#)

Note:

- Never sail into water shallower than the draft of the rudders.
- When returning, either dock or hop out before it is shallower than the rudder draft. If you do run aground, reset the cam and report to the office immediately.
- You will furl the jib to put the jib away. Pass cord through the jib clew and connect the snap shackle to the loop.
- To douse the main, be sure to pull down on the halyard until the ball is free of the fork, then move the halyard away from the mast, then lower the halyard slowly to douse the sail.
- Use the traveler line to lash the tiller in place. This keeps the rudders from swinging and keeps the tiller extender from rubbing on trampoline.

### Hobie Island Adventure Mirage - In progress

1. Lay out the two outriggers next to the hull. Be sure they pointed the same direction as the center hull.
2. Insert the green bars into the outrigger and fasten with bungee. Insert pins into green bars to secure bars to the bot. Attach the black diagonal stabilizer bars to the hull. Pull back the black plastic knob to affix the bar to the hull. Attach to the plastic know that has the Philips head screw in it.
3. Attach the seat. Think about where the seat is put, there are different holes to attach it to. You want to be able to reach things so may want it further forward or further back based on how long your arms are.
4. Get seat, dagger board and mirage drive out of the sail locker. Put the boat in the water.
5. Pedals for mirage drive are adjustable so how far seat is from that does not seem as important as far things - like rudder control - are for your hands.
6. Lock rudder down using the line on the starboard side and cleat. To undo the rudder, pull on the port line.
7. Rudder control is on the port side by the mesh basket.
8. Put mirage in only when you have enough depth. Twist the black knobs to lock the mirage in place.



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9. Lots of lines. Keep them as neat as possible, they do get tangled among each other
10. Ensure all hatches and plugs are closed. Hatches are hard to seal, work the O-Rings into the grooves
11. Take the sail ties off of the sail and place the mast in the hull.
12. Before you go out, uncoil the line around the furler. Run it through cleat closest to the mast and tie knot in the bitter end
13. Attach the main sheet to the clew of the sail using the s hook.
14. When unfurling the sail, keep tension on the furler line or it will get caught under furler.
15. Boat is very stable, should be able to go forward to fix furler and undo sail closure while on the water
16. Use the Mirage drive to assist with tacking
17. Rudder works very well, very sensitive when under way
18. You will get wet. The Mirage drive goes through the hull, so water comes in from there
19. Be SURE to lock the Mirage drive in, and check it if you go forward it did come unlocked once for me
20. Hard to paddle, the outriggers seem to be in the way for full paddle strokes
21. To Stowe - fuel and take down sail. flip up rudder and secure with bungee.

### Checkout test-out ratings

| Boatshare                             | then you are also checked out on |       |            |               |             |             |           |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| If you are checked out on these boats | Sunfish                          | Laser | Hobie Wave | Hobie Getaway | American 18 | Flying Scot | Melges 15 |
| Sunfish                               | x                                |       |            |               |             |             |           |
| Laser                                 | x                                | x     |            |               |             |             |           |
| Hobie Wave                            |                                  |       | x          |               |             |             |           |
| Hobie Getaway                         |                                  |       | x          | x             |             |             |           |
| American 18                           |                                  |       | x          |               | x           |             |           |
| Flying Scot                           |                                  |       | x          |               | x           | x           |           |
| Melges 15                             |                                  |       | x          |               | x           |             | x         |

### Crew Size

| Boat          | Minimum # on board | Maximum # on board  |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sunfish       | 1                  | 1                   |
| Laser         | 1                  | 1                   |
| Hobie Wave    | 1                  | 4 people or 900lbs  |
| Hobie Getaway | 2                  | 6 people or 1000lbs |
| American 18   | 2                  | 6                   |
| Flying Scot   | 2                  | 5?                  |

**Thanks for sailing with us!**