

J/109 Rigging Tips

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While inspecting boats at this year's North American Championships Jeff J. and myself took several pictures of rigging ideas owners had come up with that might be of interest to other J/109 owners.



Reinforced vinyl tubing used on chocks to prevent lines from catching.



APS and Team One sell these shroud pin systems that allow easy access to tuning the rig. Each Velcro strap has a short cotter pin and the Velcro keeps it in place and protects from any sharp edges. This is a much better idea than tape and bending split pins each time you want to adjust the rig.



This is one of two methods used to secure the spinnaker halyard to the rail. This boat was using Velcro to hold the halyard.



Method two is to use a Wichard snap shackle with a trigger line led to the opposite handrail for easy deployment of the halyard from the windward rail.



Wichard Snap Shackles were seen on 90% of the boats for the tack of the jib and the head of the jib to prevent the bowman from losing the shackles when removing the sail after racing.



Rather than tying up the block this boat used one of the Harken rubber stand ups. This fitting also works well on the bow sprit block if you use one.



Simple shock cord used to keep the tack higher when the A-sail is being pulled out on the set. This helps prevent the heavy tack material from getting wedged between the sail and the bow pulpit, as well as the jib from catching the rail when unfurled.



This is the newer vang fitting. You can also see the nylon washer between the vang and the stainless fitting the vang attaches to in order to prevent the vang from twisting. This is also recommended for the vang-to-boom attachment as well.



Blue Performance line bag and winch handle holders. The nice thing about these is that they weather better and can be removed easily for winter storage. This boat has the large bag and we have found that the Medium bag works best in this location so that the winch holders can also mount to the front face of the cockpit.



75% of the boats had padded main cabin table covers. Thurston makes them and you can request for them to be in any color Sunbrella to match your interior cushions. This will save your table from lots of wear.



This is a good place for a fire extinguisher. When you remove the stairs the extinguisher helps hold the stairs from sliding out when you prop the stairs against something when accessing the engine area.



This panel has been removed and the edge painted black on the back and then reinstalled. This is a cleaner look and hides the gasket material that tends to deteriorate with sunlight.



Speaker option: Even the bowman can hear the stereo clearly when mounted here. The captive removable clamps are nice. The potential problem point is corrosion at the plug.



A nice line bag spot to store the SI's, binos, etc.