

Revised Clew Attachment

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I was looking through some photos and found some that I took during one of the class training days held at Bowmoor, a few years ago. I thought they might be interesting so decided to share them here. One photo shows what happens if you leave your cunningham on or if it does not release nicely once you have rounded the top mark and start sailing downwind.

Another photo shows what happens when you let your sailing out on a run and don't have "Swinging Spreaders" (i.e., if you don't remove the inner spreader bolt). By removing the inner spreader bolt it allows the spreader to be pushed forwards by the sail and gives a much better sail shape, it does come with a warning though...if you sail with a Swinging Spreader set up and a loose rig on a windy day a boom up capsize to windward on the run could result in a bent mast.

The last photo shows a sail that has a little too much kicker on and a sail that could do with a little more, but if you are going for speed and not trying to point hard, in light airs the "Leach too open" picture is probably about right. Enjoy.....





Spreader pushing into sail
producing "S" shape in sail



**DOWNWIND SAILING:
NON SWINGING SPREADER UPSETTING
SAILING SHAPE**



Leach hooked - too tight



**Leach too open - more
kicker required**

**UPWIND SAILING:
KICKER TENSION - TOO TIGHT & TOO LOOSE**