

ALTERNATIVE RIGGING IDEAS

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I have been meaning to post this for a while. Matt Biggs has been very busy laying out and rigging his new ride. It's always interesting to see how Matt rigs his boats as he likes to try different layouts and has some interesting ideas. His latest creation has the toe straps repositioned for people with a little less length in the leg, so you have a toe strap down each side of the boat coming together at the aft toe strap fitting. Matt likes everything to be adjustable and tied away so the toe straps are no different and get a cleat position near the deck fitting for the main sheet horse to allow the toe strap length to be easily adjusted.



The other interesting change is the control line rigging. Matt has moved the kicker attachment point from the mast metal kicker stop to the back of the mast step. He has also tried to tidy up the kicking strap control line so he removes the deck fitting and positions them on the back of the mast step using the cleats on the foredeck that are usually used for the forestay control line, this really tidies the front end up, but is personal preference as I like to have the kicker control line as far back in the boat and as out over the deck as possible, so it's always to hand.



The other addition Mat has made is a control line take away system using bungie to pull the slack from the free end so that the loose ends don't just sit tangled on the floor, again this is personal preference but Matt is such a master rigger I wanted to share it with you so you can see there is plenty you can play with to make the control line arrange fit your personal preferences. Anyway, happy fiddling and thank you to Matt for sharing your latest rigging ideas with us all.



