

Revised Clew Attachment

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Here's something that I changed on my current boat. There is a number of ways of doing this but basically, I have removed the clew hook from the back of the sail where it attaches to the arrangement outhaul. On more than one occasion I have managed to get the hook caught on someone else's forestay or shroud. This is always an interesting event as you end up literally hooked up with them and unable to get free. It happen to me on a start line when I let my sail out and someone luffed up into my boom and their forestay rubbed down the boom and got caught on the hook.....what a nightmare, really hard to unhook without capsizing and possible damage when the boats get pulled together.

So the answer to this problem.....remove the hook, you could replace it with a simple shackle or as I have done with a soft dyneema bobble and loop arrangement, same as the clew strap round the boom but much shorter. There you go problem solved, another few places around the course saved along with possible damage and much shouting whilst everyone is understanding why the hell you can't sail away from each other!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Although it will reduce the entertainment factor for all the on lookers.



Original/current clew strap, loop with bobble.

Outhaul hook replaced with bobble and loop arrangement.