

How to Rig a Temporary 2x6 Mast & Boom

Supplies Needed:

2x6 (for temporary mast)	2x6 (for bow support)
2x6 (for temporary boom)	2x4 (for boom end strut)
50 ft Rope	Drill & 5/8" Spade Bit
Saw	Tape Measure

- (1) Before de-rigging your boat, measure the boom height to your cabin top
- (2) De-rig your mast, removing it off of the boat
- (3) If keel stepped, measure the distance from the cabin top to your mast step
- (4) Cut a 2 x 6 to the measured length, plus 16" - 24"
- (5) Mark the boom height onto the 2x6.
- (6) Drill four holes (using a 5/8" spade bit) above and four holes below the marked line (see photo below)
- (7) Place the 2 x 6 "mast" into position. Have a friend hold it centered.
- (8) Rig short mini-shrouds to the chain plates, cleats, or stanchion bases (below the boom height) to hold the 2 x 6 in place.
- (9) Once the 2x6 mast is solidly in place, rig your forward support (another 2x6 or spinnaker pole).
- (10) Rig your boom (or another 2x6 cut to the boom length) to the 2x6 mast. Support the aft end of the boom with a vertical strut. Start at approximately horizontal, but anticipate that the end of the boom may need to be lifted or dropped slightly to match the winter cover.

