



ShipShape
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Winter Cover Installation Instructions



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Before starting watch our Installation Videos on the "ShipShape Canvas" YouTube Channel

Supplies Needed:

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| - Boat Cover | <u>For Bow Support</u> |
| - Printed Instructions | - Long 2x6 (mast to bow length) |
| - 2 Step Ladders | or Spinnaker Pole |
| - Tie Down Rope (at least 10ft x LOA) | - 5/8" Spade Drill Bit |
| - Scissors, Tape, Utility Knife, or Hot Knife | |
| - Saw | <u>For Boom Strut:</u> |
| - Extension Cord | - 10 ft 2x4 |
| - Tape Measure | - 8 Deck Screws (included with instructions) |
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Boat Prep:

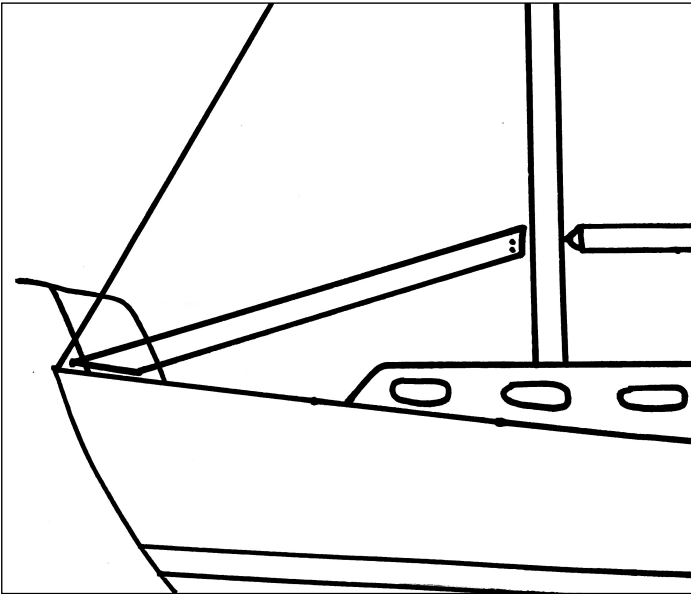
- Remove canvas, dodger, bimini, sails and stow safely below deck.
- Fold down dodger framework. Bimini frames can be lashed together at the backstay or removed.
- Remove dockline and fenders. Attach halyards to bow or stern rails, or to stanchions to get them out of the way.

Step 1: Install Bow Support

A spinnaker pole may be used as a bow support. Attach it at the mast, even with the boom. Extend the pole to directly behind the forestay at the deck.

A 2x6 can also be utilized. Measure and cut for overall length. Cut the ends to match the angles of the deck and mast. Drill two holes at the mast end and lash in place with an 8 foot length of rope. Match the boom height at the mast.

Note: See the “Bow Support” video on our YouTube channel!



Step 2: Spread Out the Cover

ShipShape cover are flaked (accordion folded) and rolled to the center, from each side. See the tags at the joining zippers indicating the side (Port/Stbd) and section (Bow/Main).

- Lay the **bow section** over the bow support, in front of the mast. Note Port/Stbd tags.
- Lay the **main section** over the boom, behind the mast.
- Zip the two zippers together on both sides approx. 2ft (Leave the mast collars open)
- Pull the **bow section** forward. Secure the buckle around the bow.
- Pull the **main section** aft. Start the topping lift zipper, then lash the top of the cone tightly. Close the zipper down to the center of the transom.

Step 3: Secure Mast Collars

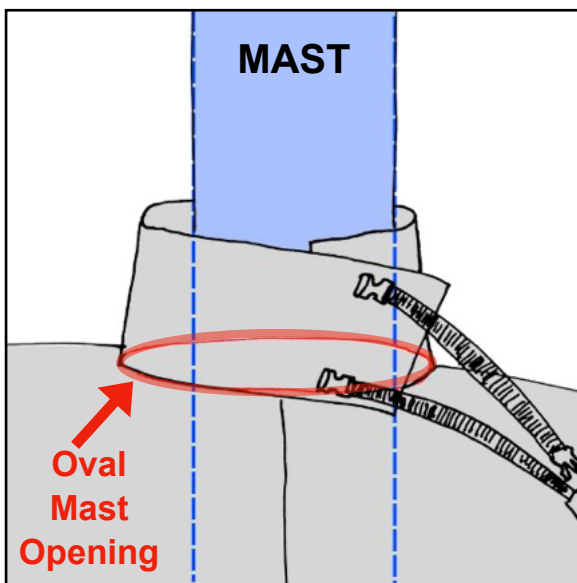
First- Secure the Main Section Collar

- Wrap the **Main Section** collar around the mast
- Continue wrapping the strap around two more times
- Tug on the strap to cinch tightly
- Then fasten the buckle

Second- Secure the Bow Section Collar

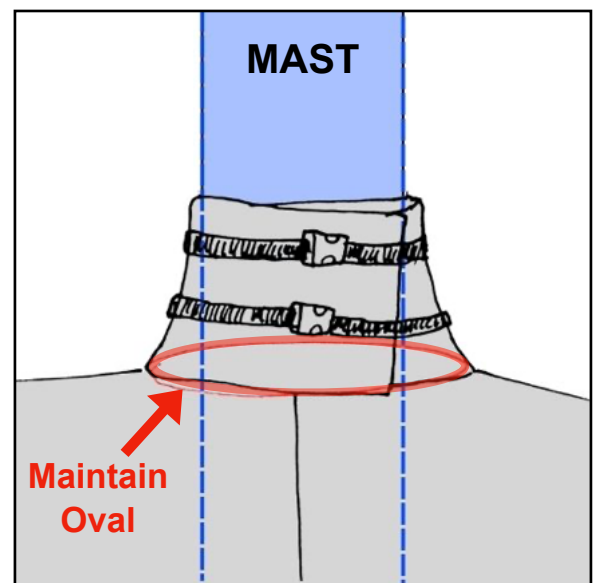
- Wrap the **Bow Section** collar around the mast (over the main section collar)
- Wrap the straps around two more times
- Tug on the top strap to cinch tightly, then fasten the top buckle
- Gently snug-up the bottom strap and fasten.

Note: Do not over-tighten — maintain oval mast opening



Collars before tightening:

The oversized opening around the mast is intentional, to allow for fit adjustment.



Collars properly secured:

Tighten the straps snugly without distorting the bottom of the opening.

*** After collars are secured, finish closing the joining zippers to the bottom.**

Rope Sequence

MAIN SECTION

#1 & 2 - Connecting Zipper- The first two tie down ropes should be on either side of mast

#3 & 4 - On Transom (pull cover tight to the stern rail on the transom)

#5 - Optimize boom height - use topping lift to adjust (See Page 5)

#6 & 7 - Stern Rails

#8 & 9 - Stanchions - Port to Starboard

#10 & 11 - Stanchions - Port to Starboard and any remaining loops side-to-side

Note:

The rudder shaft may be used as a pivot point for rear ropes.

BOW SECTION

#12 - Tip of Bow

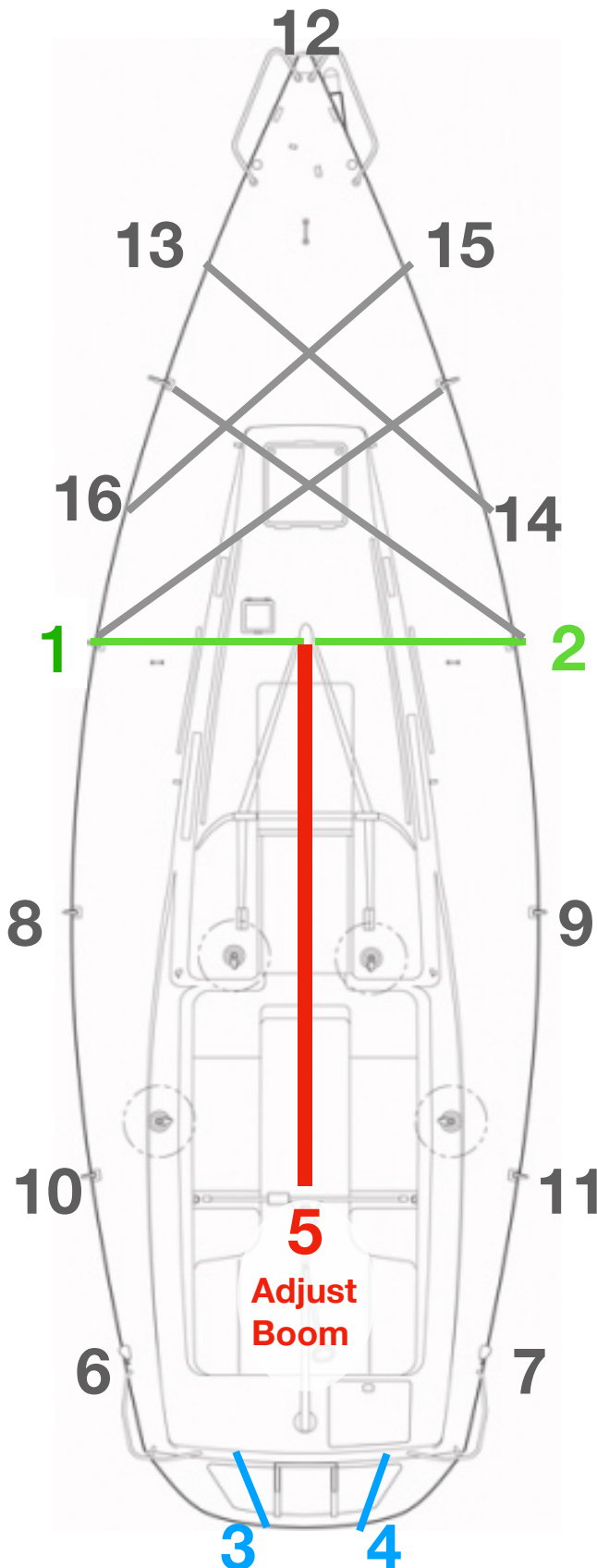
#13 & 14 - Stanchions
Criss-Cross under bow

#15 & 16 - Stanchions
Criss-Cross under bow

Tie-off remaining loops in similar fashion

Depending on the sheer of the bow you may need to utilize a "keeper rope" to your cradle

**IMPORTANT NOTE:
DO NOT TIE TO PROP
SHAFT OR JACK STANDS!**



Optimize Boom Height

- Adjust boom to proper height to eliminate material sag.
- Properly tension center ropes first, then at the corners.
- Rail openings should have 1/2" to 1" clearance to allow for proper tensioning. *No bottoming out!*
- Readjust boom height with topping lift to achieve taut canvas



Create Boom Support

See Our "Boom Support" Video on Youtube

Materials:

- 10 ft 2x4
- 3" Screws & bit (included)

Tools:

- Drill
- 1/8" Drill Bit
- Saw
- Tape Measure

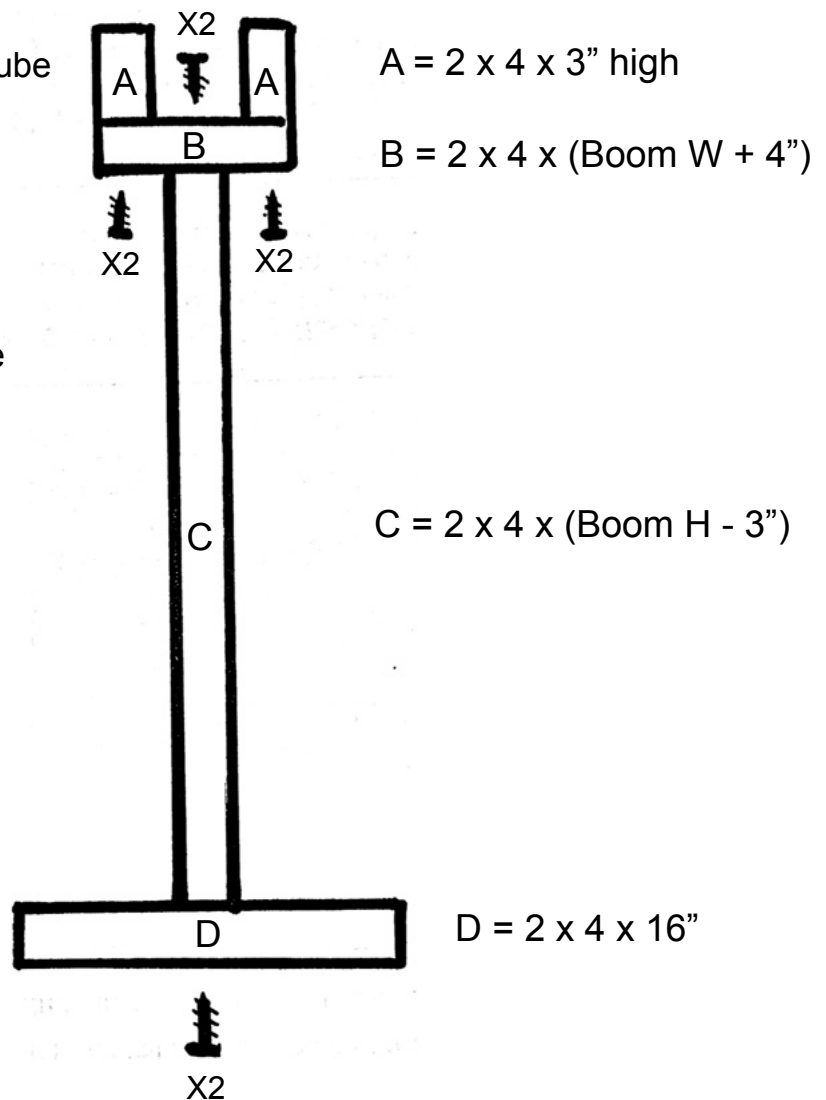
Boom Height = _____
(Cockpit floor to bottom of boom)

Boom Width = _____

Instructions:

- Cut 2x4 per measurements
- Use 1/8" drill bit to pre-drill for screws
- Assemble strut on a flat surface
- Place strut under boom

**Note: Use a 2x6
for boats over
38' length**

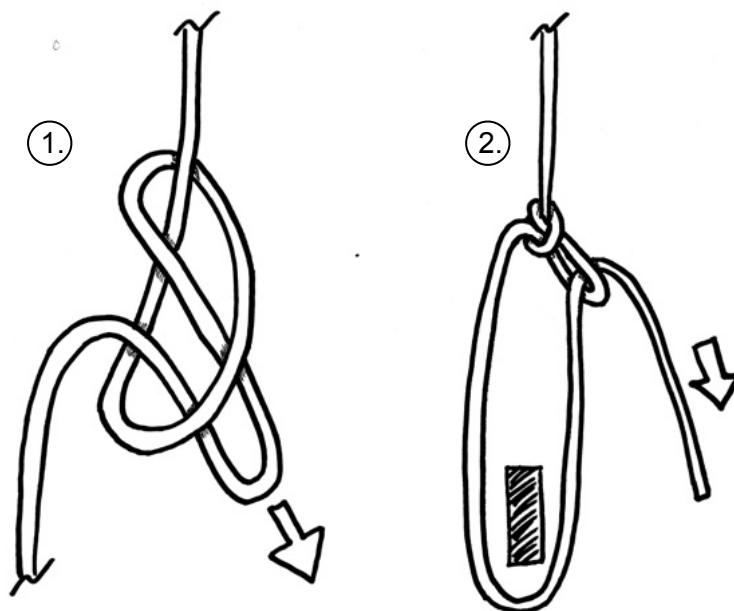


The ***Trucker's Hitch*** is a handy, easy, solid knot which creates mechanical advantage.

1. Pull a loop through a half-hitch about 2 ft above your tie-off point.
2. Lead the end of the rope around the tie-off point, back through the loop, pull down tight, and tie a couple of half hitches.

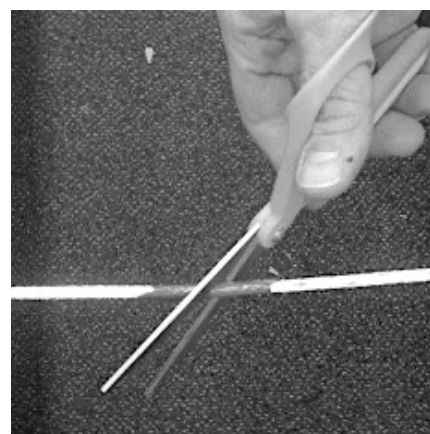
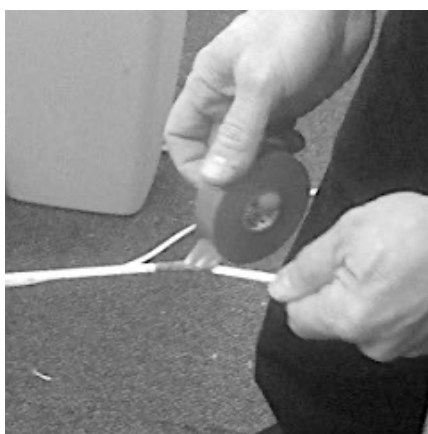
When tying side-to-side under the hull, tie a length of rope with a loop at the end on one side. Tie a Trucker's Hitch to it from the other side.

See the "ShipShape Canvas" YouTube channel for a tutorial.



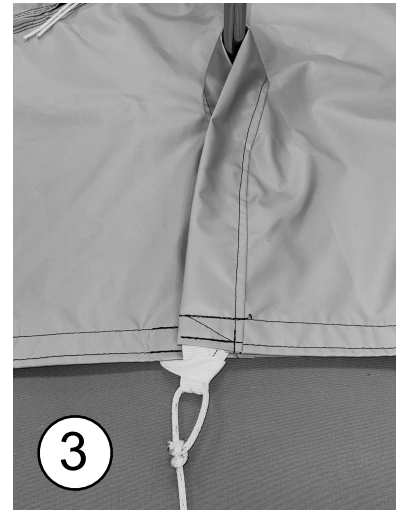
Rope Cutting Tips:

- Use a hot knife to prevent fraying.
- Or wrap a 2" span tightly with electrical tape then cut through the middle.



Stanchion Openings:

1. Tie a bowline knot to one hem loop (1) and lead the rope through the second loop (2). As the rope is tensioned the opening will pull closed (3).
2. Make sure the loose tab is tucked UNDER.
3. In the Spring, when you untie the ropes leave the bowline in place so they are ready for next fall!



Final Fitting:

- If there is an issue with the fit use a scissors or knife to “correct” the cover, and patch/reinforce with gorilla tape.
- Mark the issues with a permanent marker and document with a series of photos.
- Next spring return the cover to ShipShape for any needed modifications.

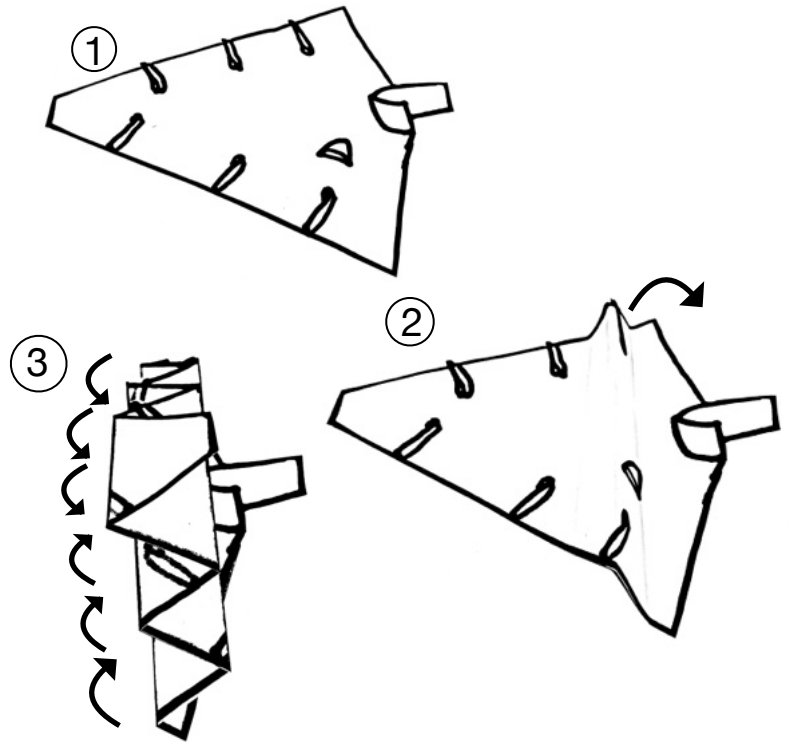
HELPFUL TIPS:

- ☆ Tie each line tightly using *Trucker’s Hitches*. Excessive movement causes premature material fatigue.
- ☆ Use a leaf blower and small plastic shovel to clear snow.
- ☆ For off-season storage rinse debris off and allow the cover to dry before folding and storing. *Do not store while wet!*
- ☆ Flake the cover like a sail for easier unfolding next season (page 7)
- ☆ Check out the *ShipShape Canvas* YouTube channel for video tutorials!

Flaking/Folding Your Cover:

Folding the cover this way will make it very easy to open on the boat next season. Make sure the cover is dry before folding for long term storage.

1. Lay the cover on a flat, clean surface.
2. Working along the joining zipper edge flake-fold (like an accordion) the cover, arms width at a time.
3. Fold each end in to meet at the middle. Wrap the mast collar straps around the cover to hold it.



See the “Sailboat Winter Cover Flaking” video on our YouTube channel.

HARBORTIME® EDGE

HarborTime Edge Care & Cleaning Instructions

HarborTime fabric is mold & mildew resistant. However, it should not be folded and stored while wet. Accumulations of dirt and animal droppings support growth of mildew and result in fabric staining and should be cleaned periodically.

Do *NOT* use detergents. Use only gentle dish soap and water with a soft bristled brush to scrub embedded soil. Rinse thoroughly to remove soil and soap residue. After thorough cleaning and drying, water repellency may be reduced. This can be improved by an application of AQUA-TITE® GREEN water & stain repellant.