

MERITORIOUS

Merit 25

OPERATING NOTES

1.) This boat is more like Pomodoro (Catalina Capri 25) than the Commanders in handling. Like Pomodoro it has a fin keel, but allegedly it has far less leeway

2.) Head foil: The M25 has a "tuff luff" twin-track jib luff track, very popular with racing boats, allowing, among other things, "peel changes" - the ability to raise a new jib without lowering the jib in use and sacrificing time.

When sailing without the jib, keep the folded jib secure upon the deck using the bungee cards along the bow

To deploy the jib : Keep the tack secured with the bungee hook, feed the head into the prefeeder 1st then into the foil track and hoist. Normally a foredeck crewmember is needed to ensure the head feeds correctly.

Securing the headfoil-- The headfoil is a loose fit upon the forestay. To prevent noise and unnecessary wear, wrap the topping lift around the headfoil and connect to the foreguy and keep taut.

Foreguy: Operated at the mast, normally by the mast/foredeck position

Twingers (aka tweakers): these are used to adjust the feet of the spinnaker.

Backstay - adjustable like Pomodoro's; it should be left eased to the slip mark (but not completely slack) when docked, and is tensioned based on wind conditions (less for more power (heavy chop); conversely, to reduce heeling during higher wind conditions, it can be tensioned and will move the draft of the main forward/tighten the forestay.

Docking: - Westerly - similar to the other boats, close reach and slow sail
Northerly/Southerly - point, speed, and shoot

Sail Stowage: the main and jib are to be ROLLED, not flaked

Gear Stowage: We will NOT be stowing the following on this boat:

- Wet foulies (take back to clubhouse)
- Wet PFD's (place in dockbox)
- Wet booties (wear/take back to clubhouse)
- Wet anything (may they rot elsewhere)