

HARBOR 20

JIB WINGER – PARTICULARS FOR OPERATION

The port and starboard winger lines are located on the starboard side of the shelf next to the starboard jib sheet. The two winger lines share one cleat.

The Hoyt Jib Boom, when let out for wing-on-wing downwind sailing does not stay out in light air. It has a tendency to fall back to the middle. The purpose of the jib winger is to hold the jib boom out. The winger is not meant for physically jibing the jib boom.

To jibe the jib boom, release the winger line from the jamb cleat, take both jib sheets in your hand (placing your hand as close to the boom as is comfortable), and pull the boom into the center and out the other side. As the boom and jib are going out, pull on the corresponding jib winger line and cleat it. In other words, if you are jibing the jib boom from the port side of the boat to the starboard side, let off the port winger, grab the jib sheets, throw the jib boom to the starboard side and pull on the starboard winger line.)

Remember to let the winger line off before you go around the leeward mark. A tight winger line will prevent you from pulling the jib into a close hauled position. The winger line must also be released if you are going from a down wind course to a broad reach.

The jib winger lines are connected to a plate under the deck that rotates with the jib boom. If the lines are left cleated when going upwind or if the winger lines are used for jibing the jib boom, the winger plate may bend. If the winger plate is bent, the winger will not work properly and could cause damage to other parts of the boat.