

## **Dolphin and Derrick Etiquette**

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Please remember to add you boat name to the booking sheet and be prepared before you tie up. The following are recommendations of items to be done **BEFORE** approaching the Dolphin to ensure efficient use.

### **When Lowering a Mast:**

1. Remove all sails.
2. Disconnect all electrics.
3. Remove boom.
4. Disconnect all rigging except cap shrouds, forestay and backstay.
5. Remove mousing and ease tension on remaining rigging to speed disconnection.
6. Tie all loose halyards/shrouds to mast.
7. Fit suitable sling around mast for lifting, together with a downhaul.
8. Ensure sufficient manpower with appropriate tools and ties to quickly secure the mast.
9. Rig fenders, warps and springs before approaching dolphin.

### **When Raising a Mast:**

1. Ensure mast is fully rigged with spreaders attached and halyards, backstay and fore stays on the correct side of spreaders.
2. Masthead lights, aerial and other instruments fitted.
3. Rigging screws to be appropriately extended with clevis pins, split pins to hand (plus spares - you could drop one).
4. Fit suitable sling around mast for lifting, together with a downhaul.
5. Ensure mast is only tied down with the minimum no of ties which can be readily released.
6. Rig fenders, warps and springs before approaching dolphin.
7. Only cap shrouds, forestay and backstay need to be fitted at the derrick.
8. If required drop back alongside channel side of grid for remaining rigging work.
9. Don't forget to mouse your rigging screws.

Finally, when planning the above exercises, please liase with other owners planning to use the derrick. If your boat has a shallow draft, please allow deeper draft boats access at high tide. Please try to carry out your operations as soon as there is sufficient water.