

There are things that need to be done quickly and safely underway, such as reefing, dropping sails for a crosswind or downwind docking, etc.

We will work on these skills on a boat at the dock for a few hours on Sunday morning. This will be excellent practice for doing them on the water.

What we'll go through some or all of:

- Scandalizing the main
- Dropping the sails in a hurry
- Raising the sails in a hurry
- Setting up the anchor
- Headsail changes
- Getting on the boat at the pulpit
- Backing the main for a departure
- If time- tips on reefing & shaking a reef quickly, reefing while hove-to

Main Sail

1. Scandalize the main

2. Drop fast

gather into side roll on Merritt. Pull down on Commander and quickly put on a sail tie or two

3. Raise fast

jump/sweat the halyard, single handed raise with self feeder or sail slides, have boom able to rise up and reefing lines loose, use body leaning into halyard wrapped around waist, have someone tail while you use the winch if it's needed.

4. Hoist & Lower while hove-to

5. Reef and shake reef quickly- hove to or luffing underway (close reach)-

Prepare, Do (fast), Clean-up

Jib Sail

How to prepare jib with highwayman's hitches to raise underway from the cockpit

Headsail change underway

Small jib up, move to large- how to keep powered up (Merritt has 2 tracks, Commander can prepare ahead)

Large jib up, move to small- just drop? Trying to depower anyway

Anchor Preparation

Rig anchor

Departure tips

Move boat to end of slip

Practice backing the main- watch for when it stops moving in the desired direction and then comes back

Practice getting on at the pulpit- reach up for forestay

Rig emergency ladder to get back in from the water