

Rigging and De-rigging Guidelines for Melges 24 on the Water

Rigging:

1. Hatches closed inside the boat on the starboard side.
2. Bailing the boat.
3. Adjust forestay tension and ensure it is in the base position.
 - More can be found in the document "How to set the Melges in base." on our "Documents" page.
4. Unroll and prepare the mainsail, storing the sail bag in a dry place.
5. Release the boom vang and mainsheet.
 - Pump the vang if necessary.
6. Attach the mainsail to the boom.
7. Secure the mainsail halyard and tension it.
8. Attach the fine-tune for the mainsail halyard.
9. Attach the cunningham.
10. Place the spinnaker bag in the hatch.
11. Thread the spinnaker sheets and secure them, along with the tack and halyard.
12. All mooring lines on the dock, NOT IN THE WATER.
13. Sail and enjoy.

De-rigging:

1. Secure the boat in the middle of the slip using 4 tie-down points.
2. Roll the mainsail without folding it.
3. Put on the mainsail cover.
4. Pack away the spinnaker.
 - Dry spinnaker:
 - Take the spinnaker in the bag before removing the lines.
 - Wet spinnaker:
 - Hang it up and take it down the next day.
5. Gather and tighten the spinnaker sheets.
6. Secure the spinnaker halyard and tack on the rail.
7. Lower the mainsail halyard on the boom. Hoist the boom and secure it to the railing.
 - It's wise to secure it on the opposite side of where you step on.
8. Tension the mainsheet, coil it up, and secure it to the boom.
9. Wrap the backstay around the rudder.
10. Gently release the forestay tension.
11. Set it to base.
12. Bailing the boat.
13. Close the hatches.
14. Rinse the boat, hull, deck, and cockpit.