

# Learning the new YCC Surprise



1. Genoa roller (technically it is only emmagasineur) – very useful, but please note that:  
**The genoa must not be reefed using the roller!**  
For this we still have a jib, which must replace the genoa if the sail area is to be reduced.

To take off the genoa:

- Unroll it on the roller
- Lower it on the halyard
- Remove the genoa from the forestay, securing the halyard shackle so that it does not fly up the stay when not attached to the sail

To put up a jib instead, just reverse these actions. It is just as easy as it used to be!

2. After use, the genoa will always stay rolled on the forestay protected by its cover.

To take off the cover:

- Attach a piece of elastic string around the balcony – you will use it to roll the cover around it.
- Open the cleat of the smaller spinnaker halyard
- You will notice a string going around the rolled genoa to tighten it – undo the knot and release the tension in the small cleat on the genoa cover
- Undo the knot in one of the two eyelets on the bottom of the cover and remove the string from the metal eyelet below the roller barrel
- Open the zip, take the cover down and roll it.

To put the cover back on the genoa, attach the top of the cover to the smaller spinnaker halyard and then reverse the actions above.

After rolling the genoa and putting the cover back on, it is important to:

- Release any strong tension from the genoa halyard
- Put tension on the string going around the genoa cover and secure it with a knot
- Pull the cover down and attach it with a string going through an eyelet below the roller barrel.

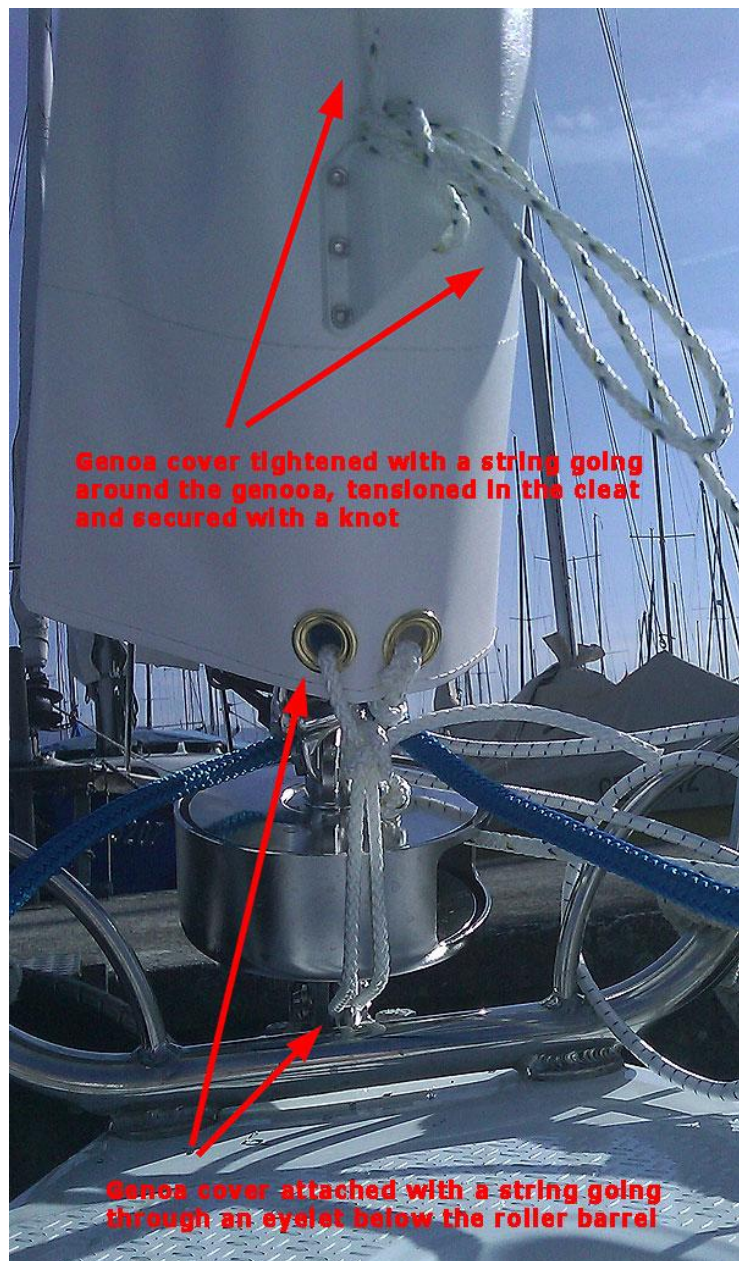


Figure 1. Correctly secured genoa cover

3. The mainsail boom is kept up by a flexible kicker. You may easily lower the boom by putting tension on the mainsail sheet or the cunningham. Do not try to unscrew the flexible kicker rods. After use, release the tension so that the flexible kicker rods are straight.
4. When not used, the boat should be kept with the fore window slightly open (but locked), so that the air can flow.

When taking the boat out:

- Make sure you **never step on the window**, as it can be damaged when open
- Before hoisting the genoa, unlock the handle from inside the boat and close the window

When returning the boat:

- Open the window and put the handle in such a position, that there is a slit between the window and its frame
- Lock the handle in this position, so that the window cannot be opened from outside.

This is especially important when wet sails are left inside the cabin.

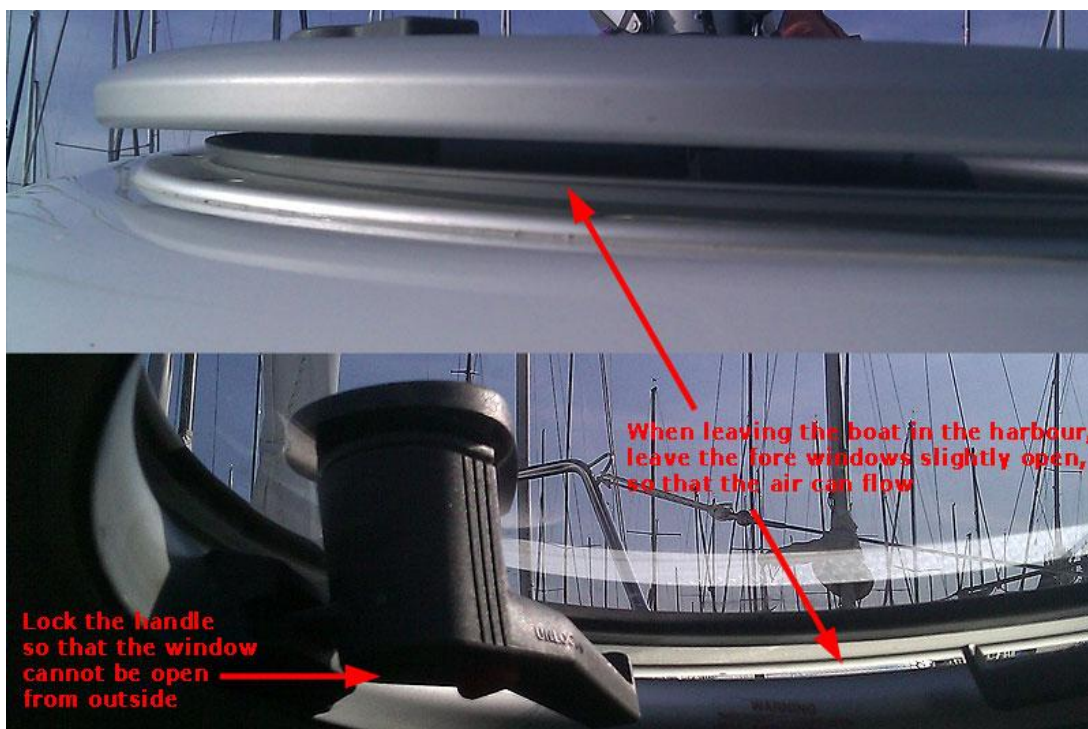


Figure 2 After use, fore window left open (but locked) to allow air circulation. Keep it closed when sailing!

5. Wet sails should never be stored on the cushions! If a wet sail has to be stored the cabin, the cushion should be removed. Then the cushion has to put back in place before anybody wants to sit on the bunk, as the bunk may easily break when not protected by the cushion.
6. The cunningham is rigged with a hook that enters into an eyelet on the main sail.
7. There are two ropes for the first reef: one at the back of the main sail and another in front (similar to how we used to rig the cunningham). For the second reef, there is only the rope at the back of the main sail, so in front of the sail the reefing hook has to be used for the second reef.
8. There is no cabin light and this is normal.
9. The navigational lights have a LED bulb, so they are less likely to be broken (if they don't work, check the fuses before climbing the mast).

**Enjoy the new YCC boat!**