

*Refit your boat for
Deckchute sailing*



Your boat may already be fitted for Deckchute as it is, or you may have to install one or two padeyes and jammers.

Deckchute sailing requires:

1. A padeye on the foredeck placed behind the forestay, approximately 1/3 of the length between forestay and mast.
The padeye on the foredeck must be strong. It may carry the load of the gennakers tack corner.
On boats fitted for spinnaker sailing, you may use the padeye dedicated to the downhauler.
2. A small padeye or a cam cleat at the pit, preferably at the opposite side to the gennaker halyard, which is often port side. The padeye sits behind and to the side of the jammers/robe clutches. It is used to anchor Deckchute at the pit.
3. Two jammers at the pit. Preferably same side as the padeye.

Deckchute is stretched between its two padeyes. The frontline of Deckchute is turned through the padeye on the foredeck, going back to one of the two jammers at the pit required for Deckchute sailing.

The pitline of Deckchute is secured to the small padeye at the pit.

In boats running the gennaker from the bow or from a solid bowsprit, the second jammer/robe clutch at the pit is used to run the tackline of the gennaker as normal.

In boats featuring a retractable bowsprit, the second jammer is used to run the trimline for the fixed tackline.

