



HEALTHCHECK CRITERIA

Stringent inspections are performed by an expert sailmaker to the standards set out below. Each of our specialists has a lifetime of sailmaking knowledge to back up their assessment.

If there's major damage that needs immediate attention we'll highlight this in our report. We offer advice on minor repairs that might need doing too, and we'll estimate costs.

ALL SAILS

- Inspect cloth throughout for tears, holes, chafe, delamination & highlight any obvious shape abnormalities.
- Check seams and edge tapes for overall soundness of stitching/chafe/wear on tapes.
- Check head, tack and clew patch reinforcement and stitching (including any reef patches) for overall soundness.
- Check leech and foot lines including cleat (and pocket, if present) for damage or wear & reset any purchase (if necessary)
- Check luff, leech and foot end to end for damage or signs of UV degradation/hingeing.
- Check tell tails, sail numbers, camberlines, sail logo(s), and any reef indication/sheet lead/furl markers (if present).
- Store free for up to 6 months in our state-of-the-art climate controlled sail loft.

HEADSAILS

Check specifically for damage at stanchions, spreaders, pulpit and the luff rope sail entry; check head and tack webbings and the stitching for chafe and UV degradation; inspect clew ring/webbing and rivets/grommets for chafe, UV, and mechanical damage, & assess any corrosion; and inspect UV strip (if present) head to clew and clew to tack for damage and degradation.

CONVENTIONAL MAINSAILS

Check all luff slides, shackles, and batten cars (if present) for damage and abnormal loading, and check batten pockets, Velcro, and hardware for damage/degradation; check batten pocket surfaces for chafe damage on shrouds, and hinge damage at in-board ends; check all reef tie down points (grommets and reinforcing) for strain damage & assess any corrosion; check head (board), tack and clew rings for damage including reef points, and reef spectacles or blocks (if present).

IN-MAST MAINSAILS

Check for chafe damage from spreaders and/or shrouds, particularly at battens (if present); check batten pockets (if present) for hingeing (if short), and hardware for damage; check head and tack webbings and stitching for chafe and UV degradation; check clew block (if present) or ring for movement and chafe, UV, and mechanical damage & assess any corrosion; check for UV degradation on clew, and chafe damage from mast aperture.

DOWNWIND SAILS

Check corner rings, webbings and stitching for chafe, UV, and mechanical damage & assess any corrosion; check any downhaul or other retrieval points (and reinforcing) for damage/stretch. NOTE: small nicks are very hard to spot in the loft, and much more obvious when hoisted - help us help you by indicating if you know of any when you give your sail to us!

CANVAS WORK

Inspect cloth throughout for tears, holes, chafe, or any threadbare areas; inspect stitching for UV degradation and damage, especially on external surfaces; check all zips slide correctly, all teeth are present, and mounting tape is undamaged; check all webbing is attached appropriately, all buckles/slides are present, all edge binding and any Velcro and for wear and UV degradation on all these; check any windows for holes, cloudiness, or brittleness; check any bolt rope (or base tape) is free of damage from end to end, all lazyjack loops are free of damage and for UV degradation, and check any batten pockets for chafe damage from end to end; store free for up to 6 months in our state-of-the-art climate controlled sail loft

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