

## Rigging and Unrigging the Wayfarer

The Wayfarer is stored on a lift instead of a dolly. Before beginning rigging, look the boat over. Make sure the stern plugs are closed. Open the bailers to drain the cockpit, but close them before lowering the lift.

The old Wayfarer is sixteen feet long, so it has to have a throwable personal flotation device (PFD). We keep a cushion-style PFD in the boat for that reason. If it is not present, you will need to find one in the boat house. The new Wayfarer is fifteen feet and ten inches long, so it does not need a throwable PFD.

If the rudder and tiller are in the boat, get the mainsail from the boat house. If the rudder and tiller are absent, look in the boat house addition for them. The jib is roller-furled.

Put the mainsail, rudder and tiller in the cockpit. Lower the lift until the boat floats, keeping control of the painter. Once the boat is floating, enter the cockpit and hang the rudder from the gudgeons. Slip the tiller under the traveler bridle and into the rudder head. Use the rudder downhaul to keep the tiller in place. Paddle clear of the lift and lower the centerboard. Paddle to the dock and tie up to the leeward side of the dock to finish rigging.

Unroll the mainsail. Lead the clew into the track on the top of the boom. Feed the boltrope into the track while pulling the clew to the aft end of the boom. Attach the outhaul shackle to the clew cringle. Next, attach the tack cringle to the boom at the gooseneck. Follow the luff bolt rope up to the head, to make sure the main does not get twisted. Find the end of the main halyard, which has a stopper attached to it. Put a bight in the halyard and feed it through the head cringle. Feed the stopper into the bight and pull the resulting hitch tight. As you raise the main, feed the luff rope into the track on the mast. After cleating the main halyard, hank up the excess and stow it under the foredeck. Attach the vang to the fitting under the boom and pull it tight enough to hold. Adjust the tension on the outhaul and cleat it.

Adjust the tension of the jib halyard.

Make sure the main and jib sheets are clear and finished with figure-eight knots. Uncleat the roller fuller lanyard and pull the jib sheets to unroll the jib.

Unrigging reverses the process. Make sure to secure the end of the main halyard, so it does not fly to the top of the mast. Leave the rudder, tiller and throwable PFD in the boat. Ease the tension on the jib halyard, but do NOT release the hook. Leave the stern plugs closed. If you open the bailers, make sure you close them again before leaving the boat.