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We're still getting to grips with the spinnaker work, and I wanted to just check with folk when is the right time to release/apply the twinning line(s). We have a double-ended pole, btw.

Hoist:

Pull the twinning line on before hoist (w/ward or leeward), after hoist but before putting pole out, or after pole?

Gybing:

Old line off before boom and/or before standing to swap pole? New one on after pole swapped? Or other?

Another gybing problem we seem to have - which may be related - is ending up, when it comes to swapping the pole, with most of the kite blown through between jib and mast. Is there some trick to getting it to swing helpfully around the \*front\* of the forestay?

Cheers.

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Colin,

Firstly, its only the windward twinner that's ever in use. Pulling on the leeward one is a good way to go swimming!

Usually, the stopper knot / bobble on the spinnaker guy is positioned so that its almost impossible to set the pole with the twinner fully on. I tend to start with it about half - two-thirds 'on' then set the pole then pull the rest of the twinner down.

During a gybe let the old twinner off first. Move the spin pole after you've gybed the boat and treat the new windward twinner as if it were a hoist (i.e. half on or so before the gybe if you can manage it. This is the bit I always forget!)

To prevent the kite blowing through the slot during a gybe, pull the pole back as you bear away, then the kite will be safely hidden behind that nice big mainsail after the gybe. Also don't try to turn too quickly. Even at a wing mark you can generally make room to do a run-to-run gybe - or almost.

Hope this helps. Keep practicing & enjoy it!

PS. Where do you sail?

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