

Steps to rigging an American 18

There are a few differences between rigging a Harpoon and an American 18.

1. A-18 sails are in the blue, zippered sail bags.
2. The outhaul is a blue line located under the cockpit seat. A bowline needs to be tied to the clew of the mainsail, then it can be routed and secured.
3. Jib hanks are plastic and need to be oriented in the correct way so that they are not twisted when the jib is raised.
4. Jibsheets are led outboard of the shrouds and led through cam cleats aft of shrouds.
5. There are two cockpit plugs that need to be secured. Make sure that you do not bend the plug handles in the wrong way or they will snap.
6. To lower the centerboard, undo the red line and pull the green line. To raise is reversed.
7. Rudder is already attached to stern of boat. To lower the rudder, undo the line on the starboard side of the tiller, and pull in snug the line on the port side (shock cord should not be stretched to its' limit). These rudder lines are secured via clam-cleats.