

The Aussie halyard ring is designed to help keep the ring perpendicular to the mast luff track. This will help the ring to hook into the halyard hook more easily. You must try to keep the mast in-line with the sail when hoisting.

1) Pass the end of the halyard through the small loop on top of the halyard ring. Tie a small knot in the end of the line (Figure 8 knot, Do not tie the halyard with a bowline knot.)

2) Shackle the halyard ring to sail headboard as shown. Be sure that the knot in the halyard is facing the mast as shown. This will help lean the ring slightly toward the mast / hook.

3) If your halyard hook includes a small "flopper" release mechanism (older models) remove it! This small plate was designed to help you release the ring from the hook, but causes problems when attempting to hook the ring when raising the sail. We have explained a different release technique below in step 5.

4) **To raise and hook the sail:** Simply hoist the sail with the boat pointed into the wind with the mast inline with the sail. The ring should hook first time every time.

5) **To unhook the sail:** Undo the downhaul and hoist the sail several inches and hold. Rotate the mast luff track to starboard (right) (if your halyard hook is located on the left side of the mast - rotate the mast left) and hold. This brings the hook out from under the ring. Lower the sail several feet before allowing the mast to swing back. Lower the sail!

