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The end of summer is close , the problem of wintering the boat is close too.

It is certainly less pleasing than navigation, but this task is absolutely necessary for the longevity of your boat and anticipate the recovery season.

1 / Get Ready



Please find different steps to properly winterize your dinghy :

- The necessary equipment :
 - Screwdrivers (Phillips and flat)
 - Universal pliers
 - Allen wrench set
 - Brush , Soft paper types Sopalin brush broom
 - Containers (bucket, bowl , etc ...)
 - Degreaser
 - Grease (WD40 known for its virtues to remove moisture , lubricate , protect, cleanse and unjam)
 - Talc

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The main battle that you have to carry is salt and moisture , which degrades materials and favor the appearance of rust and mold.

Start by de-rigging the sails , to rinse it with freshwater, if there is stain you can use soap.

Then you have to store it in dry area , and why not heated during the winter.

Note: You can also take the opportunity to check the wear points of your sails and if necessary repair it by a professional.

Rinse the boat with freshwater and control the correct sealing.

Note: All three / four years , it is advisable to carefully control its rigging and change cables if in doubt . It costs less than dismasted and change her torn sail.

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After checking the condition of your sails and tightness of your boat , we advise you to check and rinse all your deck equipment.

Dismantle and rinse each piece of your dinghy

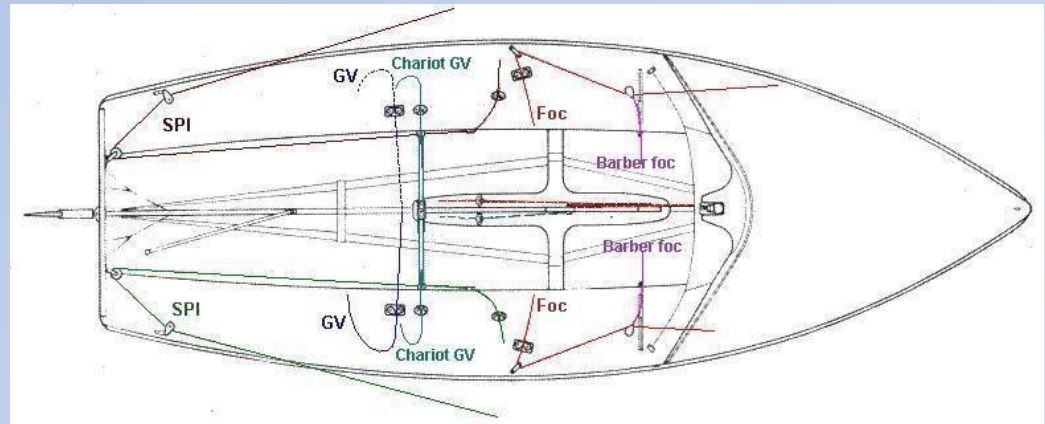
- Sheet
- pulleys
- halyard
- Forestay, shrouds, trapeze
- Each moving pieces and screws can be lubricated with WD40 .



We advise you to take pictures to facilitate reassembly of your boat when season restart.

You can also replace the defective piece because anticipation will allow you to start browsing faster.

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Technical description

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Cover or not his boat during the winter ?

Some people will tell you that this intervention is useless or even harmful.

If you dismasted your dinghy , you can store it upside down on cradles uncovered .

Otherwise , you can keep your deck cover to protect your boat against bad weather.

Avoid to packing your boat with cheap plastic tarp, boat needs to breathe especially if it is stored outside .

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Clean the cover :



- Do not use high pressure cleaner.
 - The power of pressure washers damage tissue , which become permeable.
- We recommend you to using a soapy water and a brush broom
- Do not forget to rinse the cover with freshwater afterwards and let it dry before putting it.

Tips: After the season , we recommend you to put talc on it

Nautisails Covers Informations



- **Material** : Strengthened polyester 900 denier, anti UV treated with internal reinforcement waterproof . Nautisails use large diameter wire with UV seams zigzag 6 points .
- **Fixation system** : Closures clips , scratches and Pressures for fast implementation.
- **Evacuation of water** : We observed that premature wear of covers is often caused by the accumulation of rainwater. We created and patented an innovative water drainage system to evacuate the rainy waters



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- Installation: The cover has to be installed from the front of the boat.
- Attach the boom to the mast and tighten the vang to keep it in place.
- IMPORTANT: The boom must rest on the bottom of the boat.
- Secure the awning to the mast by using the strap.
- Place the water drainage system to evacuate the rainy waters
- Secure the awning by using straps.
- Adjust through links in and out



3 / Trailer

We also recommend you to use this wintering period to check your trailers .

In order to go navigate safely, you have to check your trailer. This step is often neglected by the owners but strongly recommended.

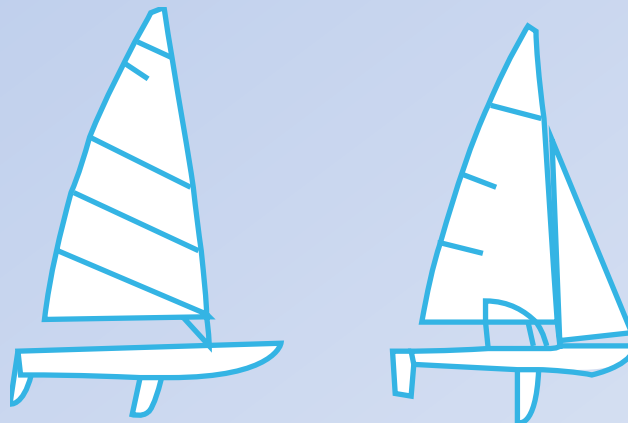
- Need welding ?
- Change the bearings that do not working well?
- Change wheels of your road trailer as dock trailer for your well-being and safety .



Small tip big consequences



- Winterizing your boat is a crucial step , it is the perfect time to take stock .
- You have to check around on board so enjoy it for:
 - Write lists.
 - Elaborate a maintenance plan.
 - Write all things that you must not forget to do in the winter and to restart the season.



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