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Information sheet Chute Stopper

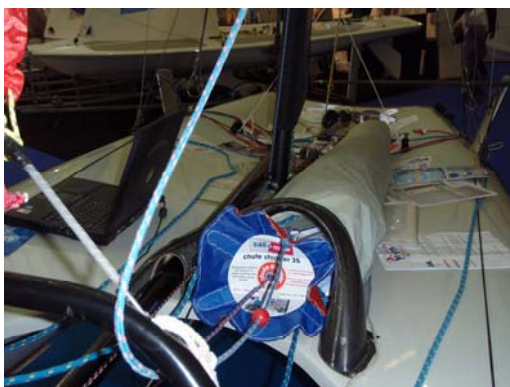
Boats with asymmetric spinnaker systems are designed such that the spinnaker is stored in a chute or sock when not in use. The bottom of this chute or sock is normally designed to allow water to drain.

The entrance to this storage for the spinnaker (the chute mouth) is often fairly low down on the boat, limited by the freeboard of the hull and the wish to avoid windage and clutter.

A problem with this arrangement is that waves or spray can enter the chute mouth and although some will drain out, some will sit in the folds of the spinnaker. This extra water adds weight—particularly undesirable in a racing boat and requires extra effort to launch. The

extra effort is reflected in both the time it takes to put the spinnaker up and the wear and tear on the spinnaker itself.

The solution is a cover for the chute mouth, which operates automatically so that there are no extra ropes for the crew to operate. The cover must be universal in design and easy to fit—the Chute Stopper.



The Chute Stopper in place over the mouth of the spinnaker chute



The Chute Stopper held flat and securely at the end of the spinnaker pole

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