

**IMPORTANT:** If any wear or sign of broken strands is found on the running or standing rigging, it is time to replace that part. Using your boat when the rigging is worn could cause the rigging to fail when you least expect it.

**FITTINGS:**

Marine fittings today need minimal maintenance. Deck hardware should be hosed down with freshwater after each sail in salt water. Stainless steel fittings such as pulpits and lifeline stanchions should be cleaned and waxed periodically to maintain their appearance. Winches require occasional cleaning and lubrication. Where possible, a maintenance brochure for your winches has been included in this manual. Masthead fittings, halyard sheaves, etc., should be inspected, cleaned and lubricated periodically. Keep your equipment clean of dirt and salt.

**SPARS:**

Like all other fittings, the mast and boom suffer from salt water, air and spray. These should be kept waxed where possible, and at least always hosed down with fresh water. Always see that the halyards are tied off away from the mast. This will eliminate slapping in the wind, and subsequent marking of the mast. Find a high pressure nozzle and shoot fresh water to the top of the mast and spreaders. This will help keep your sails clean, too, as they rub on the mast and spreaders.