

Californian Crew Responsibilities by Position Assigned v7 7 25 23

Line Captains

Setting sail

- Line handling instructions to guest crew
- Choose a belay person
 - Starboard-usually an inner line handler
 - Port-usually a staysail, outer, or brace line handler
- Assure belay person takes down outhauls and downhauls
- Eases peak to release button
- Gives line handling commands to crew and guests on lines
- Passes stoppers on main and fore halyards
- When setting foresail makes sure halyard passes aft beneath gaff vang rig
- Chooses member of guest crew to tend gaff vang when setting foresail
- Checks to be sure that belay of halyards is done properly
- Headsails-makes sure downhauls have been taken off dog rail pins and are tended
- Monitors sails as they are hoisted, watches for problems

Dousing sail

- Ease halyards
- Headsails
 - Takes strain on halyard after downhauls are made fast then belays
- Main/fore
 - Checks that lifts are hard on the fore and the main before dousing
 - Throat halyard-Gently eases halyard until boom is tabled-makes call-tabled
 - Line captain on throat leads, peak follows
 - Coordinates to make sure sails come down smoothly
 - Throat-Controls sail as shoe is positioned inside uppermost mast hoop
 - Peak-controls sail at the end of dousing to help mate pass the button
 - Takes strain on halyards and belays after sails are doused.

Belay position

Setting sail

- Frees outhauls and downhauls on main and fore
- Belays halyards to proper pins
- Secures outhauls and down hauls on main and fore after each sail is set

Dousing sail-foresail and mainsail

- Responsible for outhauls and downhauls. Recruits assistant to help haul outhauls and downhauls

Staysail

- Mans staysail preventer and sheets
- Tacks lifts on the foresail
- Setting headsails-Tends staysail sheets
- Dousing headsails-tends staysail sheets

Setting squares-five rail captain-makes calls to first mate
Dousing squares-five rail captain.
casts off topsail sheets

Inner

Mans inner sheets
Bow watch
Setting headsails-Mans inner sheets
Setting squares:
Topsail-hauls sheets
frees topgallant sheets from pin
Topgallant-hauls sheets
Dousing squares:
Topgallant-casts off topgallant sheets; also (may assist outer on bunts)
Topsail-hauls reef lines (on clew down)
hauls bunts
Dousing headsails-tends inner sheets

Outer

Mans outer sheets
Tacks lifts on mainsail
If idle, may be assigned rigging fore and main preventers by mate
If idle, may assist running out and stowing guns if assigned by mate
Setting headsails-tends outer sheets
Setting squares:
Topsail-tends clews, reefs, bunts
Topgallant-tends clews, bunts
Dousing Squares-
Topgallant-hauls clews and bunts
Topsail-hauls clews
Dousing headsails-tends outer sheets

Brace Bench

Hauls braces
If idle, may be assigned rigging of main and fore preventers by mate
If idle, may be assigned running out and stowing guns by mate
Setting headsails- mans/tends downhauls
belays downhauls after halyards made fast
Setting squares
Topsail-3 people man topsail halyard
one person tends braces
Topgallant-3 people man topgallant halyard
one person tends braces
Dousing squares-
Topgallant-one person eases topgallant halyard
Topsail-one person eases topsail halyard
Dousing headsails-man/haul downhauls.
Belays downhauls to dog rail.

Dousing foresail and mainsail-anyone without a specific line assignment is responsible to help pass gaskets, flake sails, and make up gaskets.

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