

THE BOATYARD

Prevent Mainsheet Fouling At The Split In The Fairlead Ring.

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The sharp wire ends of the stock fairlead ring for the mainsheet are often a problem:

1. They can wear the mainsheet to the point where it fails,
2. They snag the sheet on the sharp wire ends of the ring, preventing sail trim.

To avoid this is simple. Three strings control the ring location. Tie the forward string to the ring so it covers the sharp ends of wire in the ring. Take a few turns of string so no wire ends are exposed. Saturate the turns with CA glue to further cover the wire ends. See photo.

Use a Substitute Ring

Some owners buy or make a ring instead of the doing the above. The ring can be metal or plastic. If it has a larger "wire" diameter than the stock ring, friction and wear of the mainsheet may be reduced.

If you choose to do that remember that Class Rule 11.2 limits the maximum inside diameter of the ring to 1/4 inch .



Mainsheet Fairlead Ring