

Top Tip #1

When to use the traveller, and when not?

The Solo has a number of different ways of de-powering the boat – and the order in which these are deployed will make a difference to your position in the fleet. Firstly, use the outhaul to change the shape of the sail and make it flatter. Secondly use the cunningham to pull on the luff and make it tighter, again making the shape flatter. Thirdly there are 2 options. If you have a stiff mast then put more tension on the kicker. If your mast is softer, don't worry about the kicker instead let the traveller off gradually as the wind increases. Ultimately, the main objective is to keep the boat flat, and keep it driving through the water. P.S. don't forget to hike!

If you have a top tip let me know for a future magazine.