

SERVICE BULLETIN

To: Beneteau Owners
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 Reference: Classic Mainsail Reefing

Issue:

1. Occasionally we have customers who have damaged a reef tack block (s) by winching the block into the gooseneck fitting. Often both the block body and sheave are damaged and will need replacement
2. This is a result of too much force being used to reef the sail...which should not be the case.
3. After investigating a recent case, we found that the owner or yard had set up the clew reefing lines too far forward on the boom. As the sail was reefed with blocks in this position, it was virtually impossible to pull the clew reef down...and more and more pressure was applied which brings the reef tack block into the gooseneck fitting and results in damage.

Solution:

1. The reef pad eyes are allowed to 'float' along the bottom of the boom. Normally the reef line goes around the boom and through this pad eye and then is tied around the line to close.
2. It is imperative that this pad eye be aft of the reef block when the sail is reefed.
3. By having this pad eye and reef line aft of the block location the block will turn smoothly and provide a true 2:1 purchase on the reef making it easy to reef.
4. We suggest marking the location of each pad eye as a reminder for the following season installation.

