

## How to Step the mast with Tube-on-Tube Furling System (Original)

If your boat has the pvc/aluminum conduit jib furling system, this might be helpful.

The jib sail is clamped in place to the PVC tubing with hose clamps. Then, the jib is furled around the pvc tubing. The PVC tubing is then slid over the aluminum conduit which is in turn slid onto the forestay. The forestay is attached near the top of the mast at one end. Here too the aluminum tubing/conduit should be attached with the same clevis pin to the mast tang. This keeps the aluminum tubing from dropping down into the hole in the deck and getting chewed up in the pulley below deck.

The forestay runs from the mast tang above to the bow, through a hole in the deck, to a block/pulley below decks at the bow, then back to the Hyfield lever at the cuddy opening. See drawing below.

The hard part is, getting the forestay through the pulley below deck and back to the cockpit. Most people use a thin messenger line. Simply tie one end to the end of the forestay and tie the other end to the Hyfield lever. The idea is, when you drop the mast and pull the forestay back out (through the pulley and back out the hole in the deck), it trails the messenger line with it. Once the messenger line is through the hole in the deck at the bow, untie it and secure it to the pad eye or anything on the bow. Now you have a line fed from the Hyfield lever through the pulley and through the hole in the deck. Next time you are stepping the mast, simply retie the messenger line to the end of the forestay, and gently pull the forestay back through the pulley and connect to the Hyfield lever.

