

Rudder Blade Control Lines (Uphaul / Downhaul)

You must be able to raise and lower your rudder while underway. Rudder control lines allow you to do this. The recommended line size is 5/32 or 3/16. Start with 6 feet for each line. Remove excess line after rigging and testing. A single clam cleat mounted under the tiller is used to secure the lines.

Consider using different color lines such as red for the uphaul and green for the downhaul to help identify the lines.

Try not to sail hard with the rudder in the up position as the forces applied to the rudder can be enough to snap it apart.

