

Can't get your sails down?

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Plenty of times I've been out sailing alone, the wind was blowing hard and I could not get the jib down completely without having to leave the tiller.

My solution was to install two downhauls. The jib downhaul was the one I needed the most. I ran the two new lines from the bottom of the halyards back to the cockpit. Now, the sails come down and stay down on windy days. I pop the halyards and pull the downhauls. The jib drops to the deck, I snug the jib sheet, and the jib sticks on the deck until I get back to the dock.

Notice the gold striped lines running along the sails. The second picture shows how I have the downhaul attached to the halyard and running through a block.

