

Serious rigging changes.

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Most of my racing is done solo or with rookie crew. To make life easier, I mounted a "barney-post" and ran the traveler lines through the cockpit walls. My expectations are to be more efficient in controlling the boat. The mainsheet can be configured single line through the blocks for light air days, or doubled through the blocks for heavier air days.

I ran the traveler lines through the cockpit walls with thru-deck blocks and had them exit forward in the cockpit wall to a cam cleat. These traveler lines worked great, I did not have to move to the back of the cockpit to adjust the traveler.

I didn't have time to install the barney-post before our first race of the year. I did get it installed after the race, I will give future notes on the benefits after I have used the post for a race.

I have seen many Catalina 22 racers with the barney-post and it looks to work quite well.

EDIT: 02.02.2008 - I sailed two races today with the Barney post in place, everything worked perfectly. All my lines were at arms reach while I was sitting in the front of the cockpit. I also changed my mainsheet, and put a lighter line through the blocks. I had them run through single blocked because of the light air, but can change to have it run doubled through the blocks for heavier air.

Here are two pictures of my boat, Mirabella, with the post installed. I marked in red where the traveler lines move been moved. You can see the rigging and how the mainsheet goes from the stern, to the end of the boom, forward to a block, then down to the post.



