

TRADEWINDS ANCHORING TECHNIQUE

SETTING ANCHOR

1. Motoring Exercise

Motor past the point where you intend to drop the anchor and set boat up with the wind on the proper bow for prop walk. Put boat into reverse and proceed until you are going in reverse under control, meaning you have steerage. Continue in reverse at a slow speed but under control, until you have reached the spot where you intend to lower anchor.

2. Lower Anchor

Lower anchor and pay out proper amount of rode. Go at slow enough speed for safe deployment of the rode.

3. Stop Boat

When you have reached 7:1 rode stop boat. Then secure the rode.

4. Set Anchor

Let the wind set the anchor. Check for drag and rode angle for proper amount of rode out. Adjust as necessary.

5. Challenge

Challenge or set anchor by putting boat into reverse and very very very slowly apply power to carefully set the anchor. Check for drag and if the anchor has not set then re-anchor.

Use Hand Signals For

1. Crew Ready
2. Lower anchor
3. Cleat rode
4. Rode going under the boat

RETRIEVING ANCHOR

1. Un-Cleat Rode: Take slack out of the rode by powering very very very slowly forward and have crew uncleat rode.
2. Pull Forward: Pull forward at a safe speed until rode is straight down.
3. Stop Boat: Stop boat and secure rode.
4. Loosen Anchor: Put boat into reverse to break anchor loose.
5. Raise Anchor: Pull up anchor.

Use Hand Signals For

1. Crew Ready
2. Direction and angle of rode
3. Cleat rode
4. Raise anchor
5. Rode going under the boat