

Sail Rudder – Hobie Mirage Adventure Island and Tandem Island

Rudder function during sailing and beaching:

Position the rudder up for beaching and down for sailing using the T-handle controls. Up control is on the port side and uses a wedge cleat, while the down control on the starboard side uses a cam cleat.



The boat can be sailed off the beach or in shallow water with the rudder partially down but there will be more helm felt on the steering handles. Take care to avoid backing the rudder into the beach as it is not designed to kick up in this direction. There is a spare rudder pin attached to the inner flange of the aft-most round hatch. For the Tandem Island, rudder up/down control can be made from both seats.





Transport:

Here are two choices of rudder position during transport. Depending on the mode of transport and user's preference;

(1) Rudder installed and locked in up position: Raise and hold the rudder using the up-control line and wedge cleat. Install the webbing and Bungee® rudder lock as shown.



(2) Rudder pin removed and stored horizontally: Remove the rudder pin by first removing the key ring at the bottom of the pin and then lifting the up/down control lines over the top of the pin so that the pin can be pushed up from below and fully removed. Remove the rudder from the gudgeon, then replace the pin in the rudder and secure with the key ring. Rotate the rudder horizontally and secure it to the hull using the Bungee® that is attached to the hull.

