

Removable Forestay: Notes, Tips and Tricks

Always keep removable lever inside (NOT attached on deck) when not in use.

Forestay is stored on the Port side, midships near shrouds, with a storage block and tackle system.

TO ATTACH:

****Furl away the headsail to make the bow a safe and stress free place to work****

1. Retrieve the Inner Forestay Tensioning Lever

NOTE: There are 3 fast pins, one at bottom, one small one in the middle, and one at top. The one at the top is attached to the eye of the stay, the middle (small) pin releases the lever, and the bottom attaches the lever to the deck.

2. Pull the bottom fast pin and attach the lever to the deck.

NOTE: make sure the fast pins are seated properly. We have attached small Dyneema lines to each to avoid loss.

3. Pull the middle fast clip and release the lever so it opens the lever. Orient the fast pin to face AFT when securing to deck, so it uses gravity to keep the fast pin secured.

4. Disconnect the stay from the storage block and tackle.

5. Look aloft to make sure stay is free and clear

6. Bring the stay to the bow.

NOTE: make sure the lever/stay is installed BETWEEN the jib sheets.

7. Connect the upper fast pin, facing aft, to the eye of the stay

7. Close the lever, this will require some effort, and secure small fast pin to secure the lever. The lever should already be adjusted for adequate tension.

NOTE: You can leave the red line/ storage block and tackle system on deck by attaching block and tackle to the curved Inner Forestay Storage Clip. Otherwise it is easily removable and stowed inside when not in use.

NOTE: If sheets get caught in the area between the stay and top of the lever, you can wrap tape around this area, creating a little ramp. You will need to remove the tape when you take the stay down. The roundedness of the corner will often allow the sheets to pop off it.

TO ADJUST TENSION OF THE LEVER: With stay under tension, loosen the locking nut on the threaded stud with a wrench. Pull the center fast pin and open the lever, pull the bottom fast pin to unpin the lever from the deck. Close the lever into the locked position and rotate the lever to close (or open) the screw setting of the tensioning lever. Release the middle fast pin and lever and reconnect the lever to the deck and attempt to close the lever.

If the lever is TOO tight and cannot be closed, start again and back off one thread at a time until you can just barely close the lever. You want this stay as tight as it can be as it is your heavy weather sail.

Make sure the locking nut is wrenched down tight.

TO REMOVE:

1. Remove rigging tape if it was used.
2. Pull center fast pin, bring lever arm down towards deck to release.
3. Pull the top fast pin (make sure you have a hold of the stay) and release the eye of stay.
4. Bring stay back to port midships, watch your lines (Jib sheets especially)
5. Bring it OUTSIDE of the forward lower shroud, inside of the Jib sheets.
6. Run it through the curved stainless storage clip.
7. Attach it to the storage block and tackle.
8. Pull the red line tight to tension the stay, give it plenty, the two black blocks on the red line will be fairly close. This will keep it from slapping into the spreader.
9. The lever itself should be stowed below decks when not in use.