

Capt Fred K Klebingat to Andrew Nesdall

Making Sail

If you want to make sail in a hurry, and have enough time to prepare for it, yes, you can hoist the gallant yard, but before the men goes out on the yard be sure, that clew lines and sheets are set tight. But before hoisting the yard, you may have the sail stoped up with rope yarns, and the take off the gaskets. Then when you want to set the sail, all the amn on the yard has to do is cut all the rope yarn stops, and over haul the buntlines. On deck now all the crew has to do, is to haul away on the sheets.

In my time I have only once been ordered to secure the sails with rope yarns, that was on the Barkentine " S.N. Castle " we had loaded a Makatea in the Tuamotus a cargo of phosphate, it was in the hurricane season, and we get orders to leave the bay in a hurry, which we did. I have described this maneuver in a tale I have called " A Difficult Voyage "

There is a man by the name of Owens, who served as Cadet in the " Falls of Clyde " after I had left her. He tells, that they secured the sails of the ship, with rope yarn stops, as they were going to sail to sea from the Railroad Wharf at Honolulu I am sure there was no tug to be had.

Harbor Sail Stow

In my time, and when going to port, and a harbor furl of Sails was to be made, The gaskets were rove around yard and sail in one place, Karl has a photo showing a Harbor Furl just as I describe, I wonder if you saw a stow like that in " Operation Sail

Herewith a sketch

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