

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS TUNING GUIDE

MAINSAIL CM 21

GEAR	RAKE	PREBEND	TENSION	WIND STRENGTH
0 (Base)	6120	65 mm	32	0-7 knots
1 (PB Change)	6120	55 mm	32	6-12 knots
2	6080	55 mm	32	10-16 knots
3	6040	55 mm	32	15-20 knots
4	6010	55-65 mm	32	18-25 knots
5	5080	65-75 mm	32	Dogs off Chains

TUNING TIPS:

Rake number can be +/- 10mm. Measure by pulling up halyard to 4900mm from black band at gooseneck (top of that black band).

Tips for measuring mast rake: To get an accurate measurement each time ensure the main halyard is hoisted correctly.

- Securely attach the tape measure to the halyard (find a system that works and do the same each time)
- Pull the halyard all the way to the top of the mast
- Measure to the top of the black band (near the gooseneck), it must be 4900mm
- Each time you check rake setting first check the hoist position is 4900mm

Tension measured on a Loos PT-1m gauge – these numbers can be different depending on each gauge

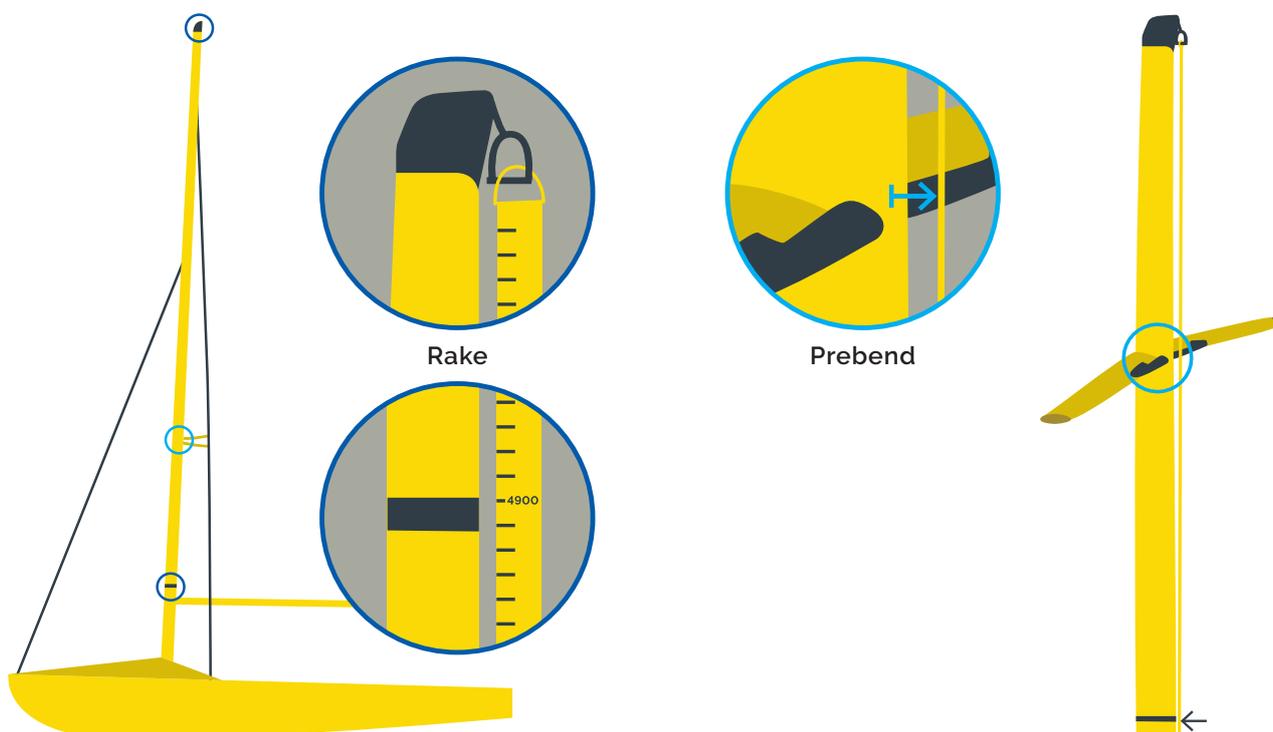
Tip for tension: always place the Loos gauge at the same height from the deck – 500mm is good target.

Top Batten: This is tensioned with an RBS rocket tensioner, which is tidier and you can more effectively tension the batten. You will need a small flathead screwdriver to use this.

Prebend in Gear 4 and 5 have a 10mm difference. If you are a lighter team or its wavy it is good to have more prebend and therefore less vang and more twist in the main. If you are heavier and can still handle the tighter leech then a straighter mast is better.

Tips for measuring Pre Bend – this is easiest with two people. To measure prebend, pull tension on the main halyard and hold the main halyard as tight as possible against the black band near gooseneck.

Measure between the mast track and the forward edge of the halyard at the junction of the spreaders.





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JIB CJ 21

It is good to have tuning marks on the deck of the 420, and marks on the Jib sheet so you can accurately trim the Jib.

The Jib height is an important adjustment to make sure you have the leech set up closed or twisted.

Hint here is to have the foot of the Jib just kissing the deck at the Jibs lowest point when you do not have any Jib Cunningham on.

The Jib Clew attachment point is where the radial seams all meet and this is slightly higher on the Jib. This means you do not have to windward sheet the jib as hard to get the same fullness and closed leech.

SPINNAKER CS 21

The CS21 spinnaker is built big. This is a powerful sail that is very quick downwind and on the reaches through smart design and engineering.

On the downwind make sure you have the pole height set up correctly. You need to match the leeward clew height with the clew that your pole is attached too.

This will be lower in the lighter wind and higher when windy.

The sail is designed so the foot folds when on an extremely tight reach – this makes the spinnaker flatter meaning you can sail a higher angle.

GET 100% OUT OF YOUR SAIL

Are we getting the most out of our sail? There is no magic formula to prepare a sail. Then, how can we know if we perfectly prepare the sail for the different conditions?

Seeing the evidence from speed testing is the answer. The best and the only way to see if your sail needs adjustments is testing your boat speed with other sailors who have a similar level. It is very important that during the tests the changes are introduced one by one and tested several times before the next change. If you introduce several changes at the same time, you will never know which of them have really affected the speed.

Good luck, have fun, and keep learning!



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