CHANGING SAIL NUMBERS

TIPS AND GUIDLINES

REMOVING OLD DIGITS

- Acetone and Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) are two recommended solvents for removing leftover residue from peeled off old digits.
- Sprinkling baby powder on small bits of leftover residue can also mask the stickiness. Only recommended for small areas and used lightly. Sprinkle on and rub over the area with a paper towel.

GENERAL NOTES

- There are “number boxes” marked on all new sails. They can be in different places and marked differently depending on the class of boat for that mainsail. As sails age, the boxes begin to fade, but they are generally still visible. Typically the boxes are made with a pen or pencil on the sail.

- Spacing between digits is equivalent to the width of the digit itself. As in, the spacing gets larger as the size of the digit also increases.

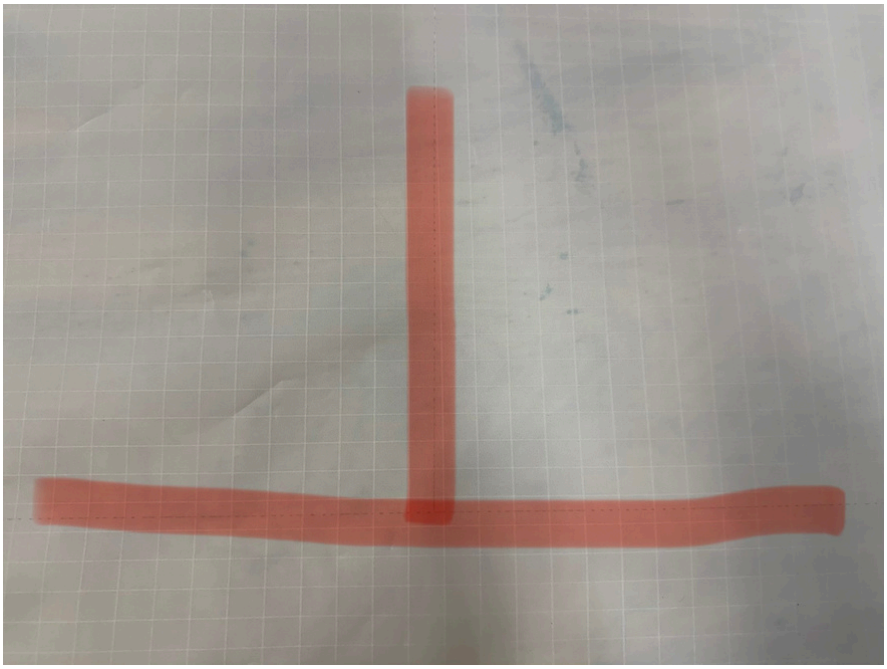
DIGIT SIZE FOR MELGES CLASSES	
MELGES 15	10"
MELGES 19, MELGES 24	12"
X BOAT, MC SCOW	15"
C SCOW, E SCOW	18"
A SCOW	20"

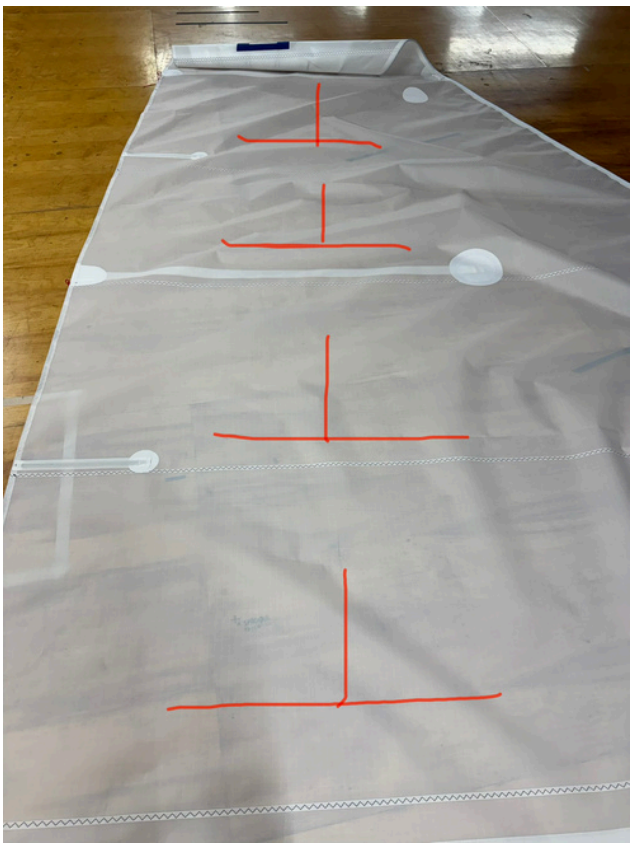
APPLYING NEW DIGITS

(A SCOW, E SCOW, C SCOW, X BOAT)

- There are four number boxes for these sails (see photo below - highlighted in red). The general rule is always starboard over port. However, when digits are symmetrical (for example : 11, 8, 181, H, V, I, etc.) they can be laid back to back. When the lake code is symmetrical you place the digit(s) back to back on the lower of the top 2 boxes. When the number is symmetrical you place the digit(s) on the top of the lower 2 boxes.

- Centering the digits is based on the vertical line from the number box. This should always be the midpoint of the overall lake code or number horizontally (see photos below).





APPLYING NEW DIGITS

(MELGES 15, MELGES 19, MELGES 24, MC SCOW)

- For these boats, it is strictly starboard over port. Both for country code (Melges 15, 19, 24), class logo (MC scow only), and sail number.

- The spacing guideline remains the same, however the number boxes are displayed differently.

- For these sails you are not splitting the digits over a vertical middle line, but instead the placement is based on a vertical line alongside the leech end of the horizontal line of the box (see photo). Numbering these sails, you start by placing the furthest leechside digit such that it lines up against said vertical line. You then continue numbering the sail by moving digit by digit towards the luff.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.
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