

Windward (Downwind) Landings

Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

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Downwind Landings

- **Be prepared**
- **Ease sails**
 - Douse jib on the way in
- **Approach slowly**
- **Steer into the wind**
 - Douse mainsail
- **Head downwind**
 - Momentum and wind astern carries you to the dock (no sails are up)
- **Send crew forward**
- ❖ **Turn into the wind alongside dock**
 - ❖ Crew steps off onto dock
 - ❖ Do not jump!
- **Secure bow line**

Downwind Movie



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Click on the black screen.

Landing Summary

- **Remember NAV rules**
- **Approach carefully**
- **Speed control is critical**
 - **Slow enough to allow time to douse mainsail**
- **Falling on dock or between dock and boat is painful**
- **Have an escape plan**
- **When in doubt**
 - **Go back out**