

A few things and tricks to remember.

Always hoist and lower the spinnaker sleeve while broad reaching to achieve blanketing of the spinnaker behind the mainsail.

Contrary to old habit,

it is far easier to douse the spinnaker by blowing its tack than its clew: if you blow the spinnaker sheet, the spinnaker will go flying away from the boat, all the way up on the bow, in open air, and you have then to wrestle it back onboard: it is fine in light air, everything is fine in light air, but as soon as the wind comes up a bit, it is much better to use the lee of the mainsail to blanket the spinnaker....

A good trick is to lead the control line of the spinnaker sleeve through the **ATN Snap Ratchet**, on the lee rail, under the spinnaker, forward of the shrouds.. like this, the control line will never escape your hand, you will be seating down on deck while dousing the spinnaker and the ratchet will give you a mechanical advantage....

The best way to drop the spinnaker with the spinnaker sleeve and the ATN Tacker is to:

Overtrim the spinnaker (bring it is, overdo it, all the way until the spinnaker sheet is tight under the mainsail boom) this has the effect of bringing the spinnaker behind the mainsail...

Walk forward up to the bow, pull the pin of the snap shackle of the Tacker: this is what is called "blow the tack" the spinnaker tack flies off, since you have overtrimmed the spinnaker, the sail is sucked behind the mainsail, completely blanketed.... then lower the spinnaker sleeve, by pulling down the control line, then the halyard, and everything goes to the forehatch.

This is way I do not advise to bring the spinnaker sleeve control lines back to the cockpit, since your next immediate move after lowering the sleeve is to drop the spinnaker halyard, so you have to be on the foredeck anyway to gather the doused spinnaker.

The main trick is to blanket the sail, which is possible only on a broad reach or lower, since dead down wind is too tricky form the autopilot, and beam reach does not offer any lee behind the mainsail...