

Pine Wood Sailer Building Tips

The following are building tips that will aid in the construction of your Pine Wood Sailer model boat kit.

1. Begin by taping the sails onto the mast and spars (wood sticks) by carefully placing the sail over the drawing and holding in place with a small weight (a stone or scrap of wood). This will enable the correct positioning of tape.
 - Peel back the tape and cut to the length indicated on the instructions. Do NOT cut through the paper backing (allowing for easier handling of your next piece of tape).
 - With the sticky side UP, slip each piece of tape UNDER the sail, position as indicated on the drawing and press the sail FIRMLY onto the tape.
 - Position the mast over the tape according to the drawing (note slight gap between mast and sail). Then, fold the tape over the mast, pressing it FIRMLY onto the sail.
 - Repeat for other spars as indicated. In some kits the spars are taped directly onto the surface of the sail (Junk, Spritsail).
2. String is attached by wrapping around the spar twice and double knotting. Again position according to the drawing.
2. Sand the sides of the fin to a wedge shape at one of the two “pointier” corners. Rub the fin back and fourth over a piece of sandpaper, held gritty side up at the edge of the table.
3. Insert the corner of the fin into the slot as illustrated in drawings. The fin may be repositioned in the slot to achieve desired course of sail (see sailing instructions on back of instruction sheet).

Decorating the Boat

After all parts are made, it's time to decorate the boat. Decorating the sails is easier after they are taped into place on the mast and spars. You can decorate the sails and hull with permanent magic markers or the hull can be painted with acrylic craft paint.

Rigging

When rigging the model, lead the string through the slot in the post WITHOUT wrapping excess string around the post. This allows for easy adjustment and quick release.

Care

Our models can last a lifetime with proper care. Keep the instruction sheet to aid in repairs. Using the sail pattern, new sails can be cut from plastic shopping bags. Dowel rod (wood sticks) can be purchased to make new masts and spars. Use water resistant tape such as frosted, mystic, vinyl, or masking tapes. Replacement parts may also be obtained from Seaworthy Small Ships, Inc.

Sailing

When sailing in open water, attach a small screw eye and light fishing line to the bow of your boat for easy retrieval. Follow the wise skipper's rule “keep an eye on the weather; avoid strong currents, high winds and rough seas.”

There are complete sailing instructions on the back of the instruction sheet. Remove the sail assembly and fin keel for safe storage or travel.



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