OPERATION, SAFETY AND CARE

WOBBELSTOPPER

Wobbelstopper 4K and 6K (Captains Edition)

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Read these instructions completely before using the product for the first time and keep them on board.

HAZARD WARNINGS

Intended Use and Basic Safety

The Wobbelstopper is intended exclusively as a passive roll stabiliser for boats lying at anchor or on a mooring buoy. Any use beyond this is considered not as intended. The manufacturer is not liable for damage resulting from improper use.

Safety Instructions by Hazard Level

⚠ DANGER

Danger to life from entanglement in the propeller or rudder while under way

Operating the boat (under engine or sail) with the Wobbelstopper deployed leads to uncontrollable pulling forces and can cause lines or metal parts to become entangled in the propeller, shaft or rudder. This can lead to loss of manoeuvrability, serious damage to the boat or fatal accidents.

- Always bring the Wobbelstopper completely on board before you start the engine, set the sails, weigh anchor or cast off.
- While the device is deployed, attach the enclosed reminder clip to the steering wheel, the start button or another clearly visible place as a reminder.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of injury to swimmers and snorkellers

The stainless steel frame hanging under water and the taut lines are difficult to see in the water and move up and down with the waves. There is a risk of impact and entanglement for persons in the water.

- Inform all persons on board about the position of the Wobbelstopper before swimming.
- When swimming and snorkelling, keep a distance of at least 3 metres from the lowered Wobbelstopper and its suspension lines.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of crushing and pinching from moving flaps

The Wobbelstopper has freely moving stainless steel flaps. When opening, closing, deploying or retrieving, fingers and hands can be pinched or crushed between the flaps and the frame.

- Never reach into the swing range of the flaps while the device is being lifted or moved.
- When handling the Wobbelstopper, hold it only by the outer frame or by the designated carrying and attachment points.
- Keep children away while it is being handled on deck.
- Children must not handle the Wobbelstopper. Not a toy.
- Only persons who have read and understood the hazard warnings may handle the Wobbelstopper.

⚠ WARNING

Hazard from inadequate attachment or material failure

Heavy swell creates high dynamic shock loads. Fittings or lines tearing off can cause serious injuries from parts snapping back or lead to loss of the device.

- Attach the Wobbelstopper only to adequately sized cleats or fittings that are firmly connected to the hull, never to lifelines, stanchions or handrails.
- Use only undamaged, adequately sized lines and shackles.
- Before each use, check all lines, knots, shackles, bearings and stainless steel parts for wear, cracks or deformation. Replace damaged parts immediately.

⚠ CAUTION

Risk of injury from the device's own weight on deck

- Depending on the version, the Wobbelstopper weighs up to approx. 10 kg. In a seaway or slippery conditions there is a risk of impact and falling on deck.
- Always secure the Wobbelstopper on deck against slipping or falling.
- Make sure you have a secure footing on board when deploying and retrieving it.

NOTICE

Property damage from grounding, hull contact or contact with other objects

- Make sure that the water depth below the lowered Wobbelstopper (also taking into account low tide, high tide and wave troughs) is at least 2 metres to avoid touching or snagging on the bottom.
- Choose the attachment point on the boat (e.g. outrigger, spinnaker pole or suitable cleat) so that the Wobbelstopper does not strike the side of the boat in a seaway and damage the hull. Always position the Wobbelstopper approx. 2 m below the water surface.
- Retrieve the device in good time if a storm is approaching or in extreme sea conditions.

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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- The Wobbelstopper must never hang outside the boat while under way and may only be used while the boat is stationary.
- The Wobbelstopper should be attached at the side of the boat to a cleat, another suitable attachment point, or to the eased-out boom or spinnaker pole, using a cleat hitch or securely with a seamanlike knot.
- The Wobbelstopper should be positioned approx. 2 metres below the water surface.
- Always deploy it on the side of the incoming swell.
- If you use 2 Wobbelstoppers, the second one is mounted on the opposite side of the boat.
- The greater the distance from the Wobbelstopper to the centre of the boat, the stronger the effect (attachment to the boom or spinnaker pole).
- The boom or spinnaker pole must be secured against swinging (preventer: line to the bow cleat and sheeting in the mainsheet).
- The Wobbelstopper must be assembled carefully. See the video and the assembly instructions.
- Always attach the reminder clip to the steering wheel, the start button or another clearly visible place.
- The lines must not be twisted.
- Make sure that the lines with the attachment brackets are on the upper side of the Wobbelstopper when lowering it.
- The flaps must open upwards.
- Lower the Wobbelstopper far enough away from the boat to avoid scratches on the boat.
- The Wobbelstopper is fitted with floating lines. Should the Wobbelstopper accidentally sink, the lines reach approx. 6 metres vertically upwards from the bottom.

CARE, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

The Wobbelstopper is made of seawater-resistant stainless steel and is largely maintenance-free. Nevertheless, salt water, marine growth and mechanical stress require regular care to ensure full functionality and safety in the long term.

Cleaning after each use and during longer periods in the water

- After retrieving the Wobbelstopper, rinse it thoroughly with fresh water to remove salt residues, sand, algae and dirt from the joints, bearings and between the moving flaps.
- If a longer period at anchor or in the water is planned, take the Wobbelstopper out of the water regularly and carry out an intermediate cleaning to prevent heavy marine growth (e.g. barnacles or algae).
- Move the flaps by hand several times while rinsing so that stuck salt or sand particles are flushed out.
- Remove any marine growth promptly with a soft brush or a plastic scraper. Do not use wire brushes made of ordinary steel, as these can cause extraneous rust on the stainless steel.

Visual inspection before each use

Before deploying, check all safety-relevant components:

- Check the lines and all stainless steel parts for chafe, fraying, UV embrittlement or damage.
- Flaps and joints: check whether all flaps open and close easily and without jamming.
- Check the stainless steel frame and flaps for bending or damage.
- Important: If damage or deformation is found, the Wobbelstopper must not be used until the affected parts have been replaced.

Lubrication and joint care

- The bearings and joints are designed for operation in water and generally do not require lubrication with grease or oil (oils and greases can bind sand and pollute waters).
- Should the joints become stiff due to salt deposits, clean them thoroughly with warm fresh water. If necessary, use only an environmentally compatible stainless steel care product.

Storage and winter storage

- Do not allow deformation: during handling, transport and storage, it is essential to make sure that no parts are bent. Do not step on the Wobbelstopper and do not store any objects on it.
- Clean the device completely with fresh water before storing it and let it dry well.
- Store the Wobbelstopper dry, clean and secured against slipping (e.g. in the cockpit locker or in the supplied bag).
- Do not expose the lines to direct UV radiation for long periods.

We wish you much enjoyment and pleasurable times on the water. Your Wobbelstopper Team

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