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FINALLY A WAY TO ELIMINATE BOOM AND RIGGING SHOCK ON YOUR BOAT

Every sailor knows that when going downwind, rigging a preventer is the only way to ensure that your boom won't suddenly swing 150° around, taking out your crew and crushing everything in its way. But rigging a preventer with enough tension so that the line doesn't constantly stretch, snap and jar, putting massive stress on your cleats, boom and lines, is almost impossible.

Now there's a better way. Just rig a SHOCKLES® on the preventer, cinch it tight, and voila! – no more shock. The boom stays snug and secure with the SHOCKLES® gently keeping it in place without the shock and stress of a static preventer line, especially in gusty or shifting winds.

SHOCKLES® are made from the toughest U.S made shock cord, and covered with 100% nylon webbing for complete sun and abrasion resistance from end to end. The anodized aluminum marine-grade carabiners at either end have stainless-steel gate pins and are rated for 5,000# breaking strength.

SHOCKLES® are strong, light, easy to rig and use, and best of all, they save wear and tear on your boat.

There are dozens of other uses for SHOCKLES®:

- Rig one on the lazy sheet of your jib to fasten it to an outboard cleat, keeping it snug and full when going down wind.
- Rig one on the tack of your asymmetrical spinnaker to keep it from blowing out in a sudden gust.
- Clip one to your dinghy painter to keep it from slamming when being towed.
- Instead of keeping your mainsheet winched down tight when your sail is down (putting stress on the line and winch), leave the mainsheet loose, clip a SHOCKLES® to the boom and snug it up with a line to a side cleat to keep the boom from swinging or making noise at night.
- Use one to keep docking lines taut and prevent chafing.
- Rig as a shock-absorber to keep anchor chains from snapping taut with a jarring crunch.

For high-stress applications you can clip two SHOCKLES® side-by-side for double strength. After a while you'll come up with so many uses that you'll wonder how you ever got along without them!

Patented SHOCKLES® are tested to over 1,200# breaking strength and will stretch to double their length. They come in several colors and three sizes: 12" 18". At just \$49 to \$55 (depending on size) this could just be the best way to save your boat from undue wear and tear. Keep your boat safe and shock-free with SHOCKLES®. Look for SHOCKLES® at West Marine and other fine boating supply stores.

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