

Zepp Sticks can also be used as the framework for a cover to shade your boat from the sun. You can stretch the mainsail cover over the framework or work with your local canvas shop to create a design that works best on your boat.

1 Zepp Sticks Gathering Arms articulated and extended out horizontally



◀ Zepp Sticks pictured have a Base length of 4 feet and have been extended out to 8 feet. If needed, a strongback may be fitted to the Zepp Sticks' Base for more rigidity.

2 Zepp Sticks serving as a sun shade support frame



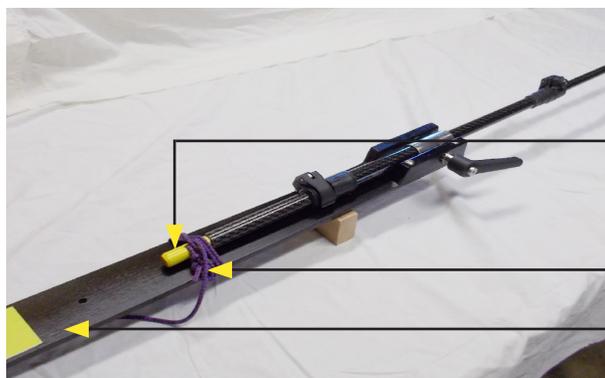
◀ In this photo the mainsail cover is used as a sun shade. Other canvas options will work with Zepp Sticks.

3 Tie down lines rigged from the Zepp Sticks' ends in case the wind freshens



◀ On this boat, a 4th Zepp Stick could be added to extend sun shade aft over the cockpit. You could also have your canvas shop make "leaves," akin to expanding a dining room table, that fasten to outboard sides of the splayed mainsail cover.

4 Configuring sun shade



Yellow Gathering Arm Tip with Eyelets

Small stuff

Base

Zepp Sticks' Gathering Arm Yellow Tip Eyelets are lined up over one of the rigging holes in the Base, and the Gathering Arm is secured with a series of 1/8" small stuff wrapped through and around the two parts. If a more rigid rig is needed, a strongback can be used instead — see photo 5.

5 Placing strongback



Yellow Gathering Arm Tip with Eyelets

Strongback

Base

Strongback fits between and slides over Gathering Arms' ends.

6 Strongback installed



Strongback's centerline hole is lined with the Boom Clamping Screw, and the Clamp Knob is tightened.