

# TidesMarine

## Sailtrack Slide Selection and Spacing

If slides for a Tides Marine sailtrack system are being added to an existing sail, usually the existing slides can just be replaced with the appropriate Tides Marine slides. If a new sail is being constructed, the sailmaker should select the best slide arrangement.

Some general guidelines are:

For most monohulls, the slides don't need to be spaced closer than 30" apart, however they shouldn't be farther apart than 42". Some multihulls may require closer spacing.

The most critical area is at the head of the sail. The headboard itself should be well supported with either one or two SH-500 headboard slides, or one of the SH-910 slides. Multihulls with fat headed sails should definitely have either two SH-500's or an SH-910 on the headboard.

It's recommended that the next slide below the headboard be one of the SH-401 slides, or a batten slide assembly, which uses the same 2" long slide. This slide should be no more than 18" to 24" below the headboard. Again, multihulls may want to use another SH-500 here.

It's also beneficial for the second slide below the headboard be no more than 24" to 30" from the slide above it. On some multihulls this slide should also be a 2" long slide.

And, of course, the first slide above a reef point should be either an SH-401 slide, or a batten slide.

Please call Tides Marine for any specific questions.