

## STORM JIB DETAILS

**B**ecause the Gale Sail and the Storm-Bag are meant to be deployed in high winds, testers carefully looked at construction quality, particularly details at the corners, seams, and hanks. Overall, the Gale Sail scored higher in terms of construction quality.

**1.** The Storm-Bag folds in place prior to hoisting, but like the Gale Sail, it requires that tension be released from roller-furling sheets. The Storm Bag's supplied sheets attach at the "clews" with a snap shackle (inset), not something we'd recommend for a storm jib.

**2.** Webbing-reinforced grommets and bronze hanks secure the Gale Sail around the genoa. This helps to contain the furled sail, but makes it slower to hoist than a storm jib hanked on a stay. A quick hoist is essential to prevent flogging in a storm.

**3.** The Gale Sail's clew is well protected from chafe and reinforced with webbing. The clew-ring is rugged but heavy, not something you want flogging about near crew. Some makers of storm sails are opting for high-modulus fiber strops here instead.

