

# Prindle

Catamarans



Prindle 15



Prindle 16

Prindle 18

**Owners Manual**

**P**

# INTRODUCTION

This owner's manual is provided to ease assembly, maintenance and use of your Prindle Catamaran. We believe these instructions portray the simplest methods. Do it our way the first time and learn from us. Then, if you discover a better method, feel free to tell us about it by faxing (714) 541-6643 or e-mailing pcat@performancecat.com. You may see your idea appear in the next edition of the owner's manual.

We are sure you will enjoy your Prindle Catamaran and hope that this manual will make your enjoyment easier to come by.

Make sure you join the Prindle Class Association - it's fun and it's free to any new owner of a Prindle Catamaran (\$15 annually after the first year). You will receive the Performance Sailor, our official class newsletter. This newsletter contains feature articles, news and results of regattas, photographs, timely tuning tips, special announcements and contests. As a member of the Prindle Class Association, you will also be entitled to enter and participate in all of our Class sanctioned regattas.

One design racing begins at the local fleet level leading to regional qualifying regattas and culminates with the Annual National Championship Regattas held in a different region every year. Even if you are not a racer, join the Prindle Fleet in your area. Our fleets have held such fun events as watermelon hunts, hull flying contests, group cruises, Prindle barge picnics and clinics. It's much more fun to share the joy of sailing a Prindle Catamaran. If a fleet does not exist in your area - start one! All you need is a few enthusiastic owners!

Make sure your dealer fills out and submits your warranty card for your new boat. Not only does it validate your warranty, but it will also automatically register you as a member of the Prindle Class Association. If you have purchased a used Prindle, please send us your sail and hull numbers as well as your complete address. Make sure to notify us when you move too, the Performance Sailor does not get forwarded.

Keep in touch. We love to hear from our owners!

## Performance Catamarans, Inc.

1800 East Borchard Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 835-6416  
(714) 541-6643 fax  
www.performancecat.com

# CONTENTS

## SECTION I: ASSEMBLY

Preparation	3
Crossbars	3
Trampoline	4
Rudder System	7
Castings	7
Tiller Crossbar	7
Tiller Extension	8
Rudder Blades	8
Rudder Lock Bolt	8
Adjusting the Helm	8
Rudder Alignment	9
Operation of Rudder System	9
Mast and Rigging	10
Masthead	10
Spreaders	10
Diamond Wires	11
Mast Rotator	12
Masthorn	12
Shrouds and Trapeze Wires	12
Forestay and Jib Halyard	13
Main Halyard	13
Raising the Mast	13
Diamond Wires	16
Sails and Battens	17
Hoisting the Mainsail	18
Boom	19
Mast Rotator	19
Downhaul	20
Mainsheet and Traveler	20
Jib	21
Jib Sheet Jam Preventer	22
Righting Line	22
Tightening rig tension	23

## SECTION II: SAILING

Sail Trim	
To weather	23
Reaching	23
Downwind	23
Downhaul Systems	24
Trapezing	24
Lacing the Harness	24
Trapeze Positioning	24
Launching	25
Onshore	26
Offshore	26
Tacking	27
Jibing	28
Balance	28
Righting	29
Reefing	30

## SECTION III: AFTER SAILING

Loosening the rig	31
Lowering the sails	31
Trailing	33

## SECTION IV: MAINTENANCE

Dolphin Striker	35
Battens	36
Foam/Fiberglass Battens	36
General Maintenance Tips	36
Hulls	37
Rudders	37
Sails	37

## SECTION V: TUNING PERFORMANCE

Mast Rake	37
Mast Rotation	37
Barberhauler	38

## SECTION VI: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Major Parts of a Boat	39
Glossary of Terms	40
Knot Illustrations	41

# Prindle Catamaran Owner's Manual

## Section I: ASSEMBLY

### Preparation

- ✓ Tools needed:
- ✓ large screwdriver
- ✓ pliers
- ✓ needle-nose pliers
- ✓ 1/2" offset wrench
- ✓ combination 1/2" & 9/16 box-end wrench
- ✓ adjustable wrench
- ✓ masking or duct tape
- ✓ silicone sealant

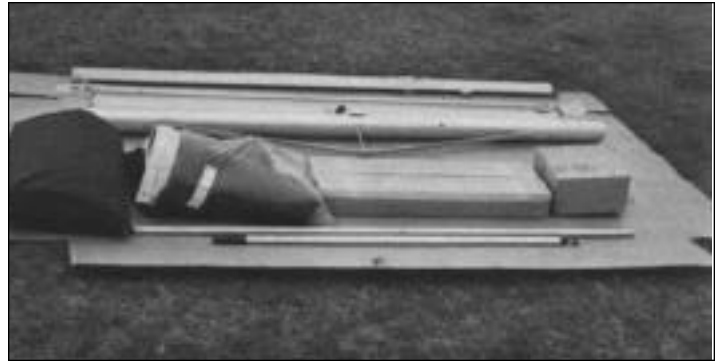
Your Prindle Catamaran comes packaged in two hull containers, one large hardware box and one mast box.

Place the two hull containers approximately 5 feet apart with stapled seams at the top of the cartons facing each other. This will insure that both hulls will be facing the same direction.



Open the hull containers. Leave the hulls standing on the cardboard supports.

Open the hardware box and familiarize yourself with the major parts of your boat. The contents of the hardware box should include:



boom  
battens  
rear crossbar  
front crossbar  
sails

trampoline  
rudder box  
rigging box  
tiller crossbar  
tiller extension

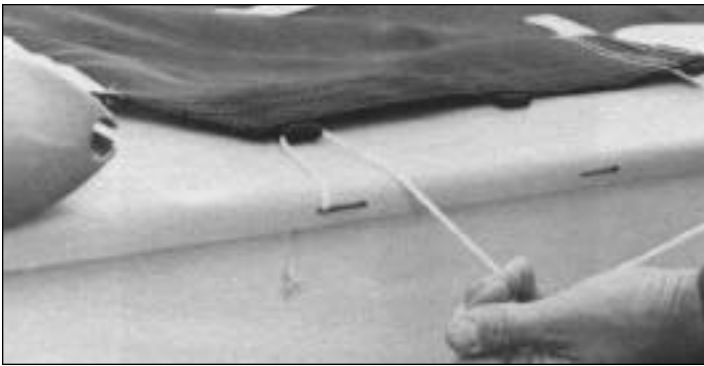
Open the rigging box. The contents will be listed on the sheet enclosed.

## CROSSBARS

Remove rubber plugs from hulls. Lay both the front and rear cross bars on the hulls with the outside edges even with the outside edges of the hulls. The curf (groove) on the front crossbar should face aft and the curf on the back crossbar should face forward.

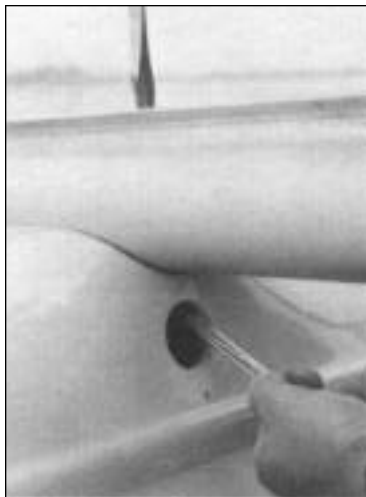


To attach inside bolts on the front crossbar, insert 5/16" hex head bolt with washer into inboard hole in crossbar and through the bolt



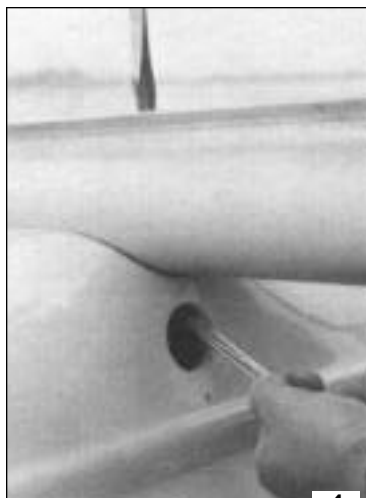
hole in the deck. Put some silicone sealant on your forefinger and reach through the hatch to put the sealant on the bolt where it enters the hull. Attach lock nut and flat washer to bolt inside hull using 1/2" box-end wrench. If you cannot reach the bolt, tape the nut to the wrench. Thread nut snugly to hull. Do not tighten until all bolts are snug.

To attach inside bolts on the rear crossbar, insert one of the 5/16" flat head screws through the inboard hole of the rear crossbar and bolt hole in deck pocket. Put a flat washer and lock nut onto the bolt. You may find that taping the nut washer onto a wrench is easiest. Tighten loosely using a screwdriver on top of screw.



To attach outside bolts on both crossbars, insert 5/16" hex head bolt with washer through crossbar and deck. Insert through 6" stainless steel bar which fits under the deck. Hand tighten. Repeat procedure on all outside bolts.

Before tightening down these 8 bolts, make sure the front crossbar sits in the groove without voids



between it and the deck. Tighten all bolts down being careful not to overtighten the outside bolts on the rear crossbar. Leverage provided by a 6" long wrench is sufficient for proper tightening.

Insert rubber plugs into holes in hulls.

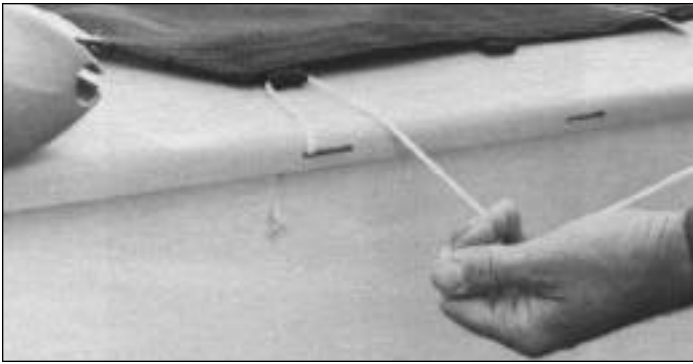
## TRAMPOLINE



From the port hull, insert forward and rear edges of trampoline in curfs on crossbars. The rear edge has two rows of grommets.



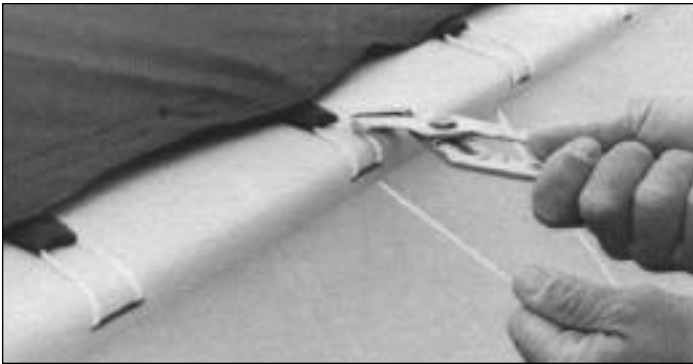
Feed trampoline across boat by alternately pulling each edge.



Tie a figure eight knot in the end of side lacing line (1/8" x 11') and begin lacing side of trampoline beginning at forward slot. Lace line up through deck, through forward loop and back down through deck. Proceed aft and tie off end. Follow same procedure for other side of trampoline.



Stand at the back of the boat and tighten lines by bracing your foot against the rear crossbar for leverage. Pull as tight as possible. Tie off lines under trampoline. Do not trim excess line as this leaves something to hold when retightening tramp.



Tighten each side by using a pair of pliers or vice grips. Start tightening from the front and move to the rear. Be sure to get trampoline centered on boat by lining up the grommet nearest the front crossbar with the center of the mast step. Trim and burn excess line. Save for use later.



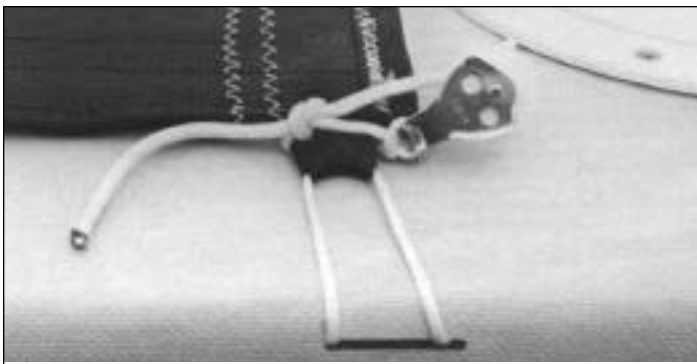
Completed rear lacing



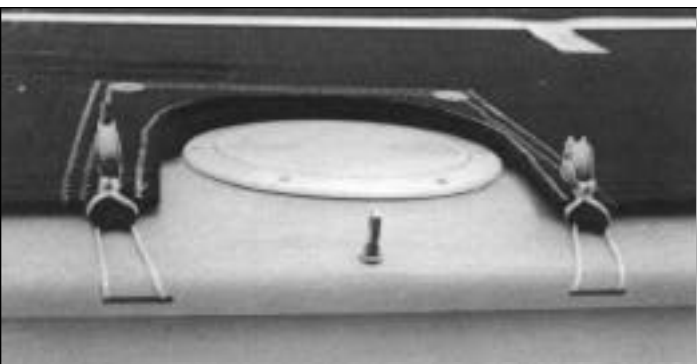
Lace up the back of the trampoline with 1/4" lacing lines 10.5 feet long. Begin by tying a double overhand knot in one end of each line and thread through rear grommets, starting up through the rear outside corner grommet on each side.



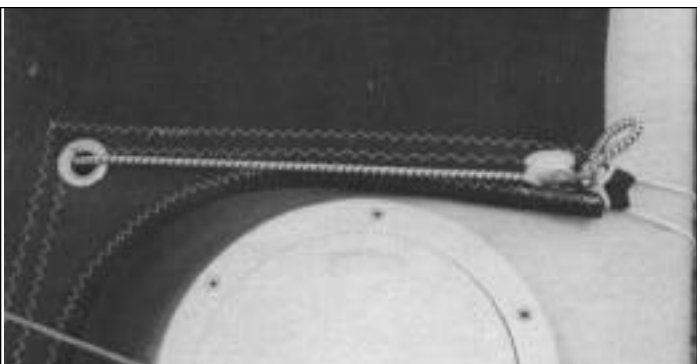
Cut each of the extra scrap lengths of 1/8" side lace line into 8" pieces. You will need two pieces for single trapeze and 4 pieces for double trapeze. Fold line in half and lace through block.



Tie the block onto the side trampoline tab using a square knot. Use tab just forward of hatch for single trapeze and tabs just forward and aft of hatch for double trapeze.

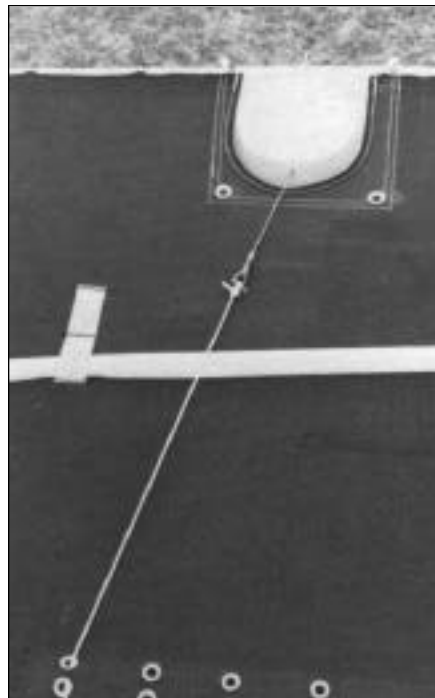


Slip tails of line under tab to hide and keep knot from loosening. Blocks should stand straight up.

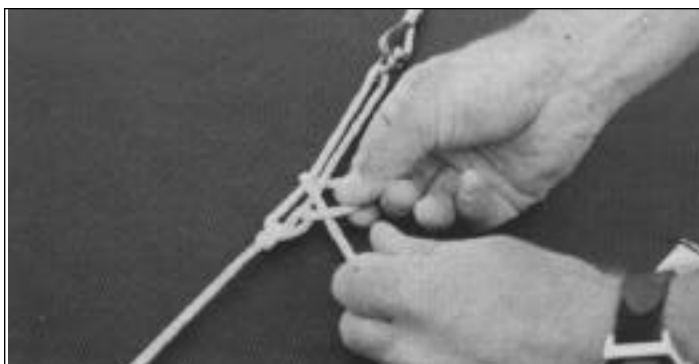
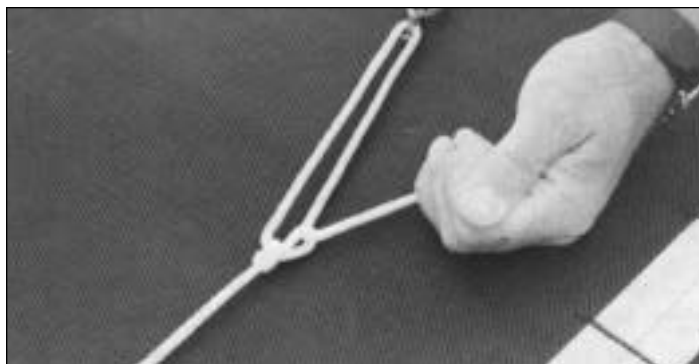


Lead shock cord through block, down through grommet by hatch and up through grommet and block on opposite side of tramp. Secure end until needed later.

Attach a 3/16" shackle onto each jib bridle wire. Be sure pin handle is facing up so that it does not scratch trampoline.



Tie 3/16" x 6' line to one of the shackles and lead the other end through one set of double grommets at center of tramp.



Using a truckers hitch, tie the line to the 3/16" shackle on opposite jib bridle wire. Pull line as tight as possible and tie off using a row of half hitches.



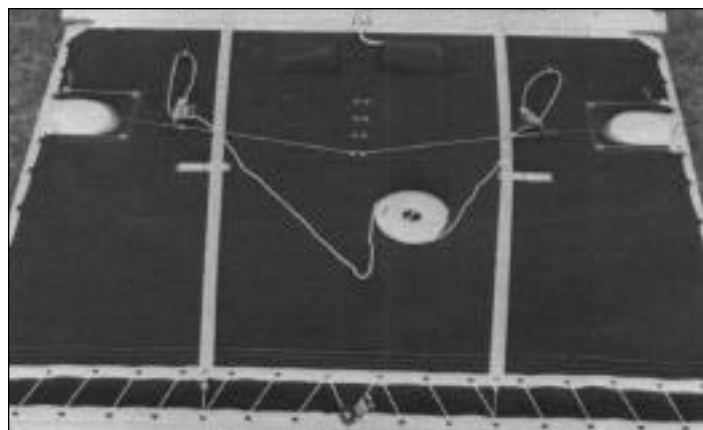
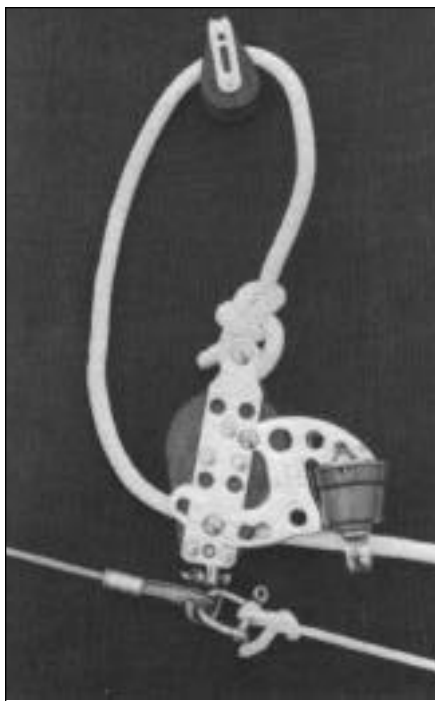


Attach jib blocks to thimble at end of jib bridle wire (not shackle) using 3/16" shackle. Be sure the jaws of cleat face inboard.

Thread 5/16" x 33' jib sheet line by tying off one end to jib block with bowline.

Thread through small jib clew blocks, through cleat on jib

block, across tramp and through opposite jib block in opposite direction. Jib sheet should be one continuous line.



Hiking straps on trampoline are adjustable for personal comfort. People with long legs use the inboard look. Tie off onto a grommet at rear of tramp.

## RUDDER SYSTEM

Open rudder box, it should contain: left and right rudder castings with tiller arms and complete workings installed and 2 rudder blades with lock pins attached.

### Castings

To install rudder casting onto transom, make sure Prindle insignia is on outboard side. Remove cotter key and pintel from casting. Line up casting with gudgeons and casting.



### Tiller Crossbar

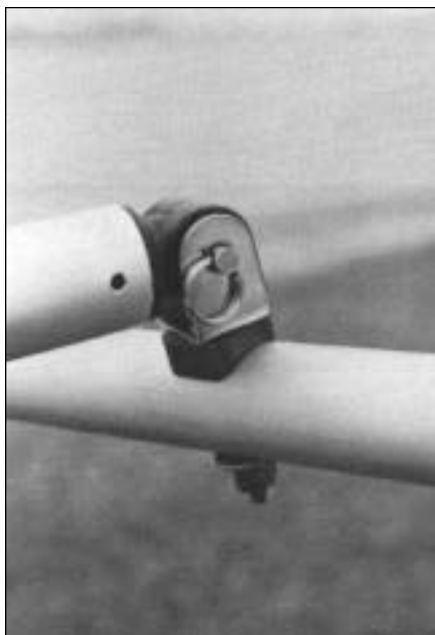
To attach tiller crossbar to tiller arms, remove 1/4" bolt, washer and lock nut from end of tiller arm. Place tiller crossbar over tillers with large hole at end facing up and end cap pop rivet facing aft. Drop 1/4" bolt down through crossbar, putting washer between tiller crossbar and tiller arm.

Insert 1/4" bolt through hole in tiller arm and put lock nut on end. Make sure lines inside tiller go on either side of bolt, do not cross them. Do not put the nut on the bolt at adjuster end of crossbar until the rudders have been aligned (instructions later).



### **Tiller Extension**

Remove locknut from end of tiller extension. Attach extension to tiller crossbar and reattach locknut. Tiller extension should be able to touch trampoline easily. If it does not, the tiller crossbar has been installed backwards.



### **Rudder Blades**

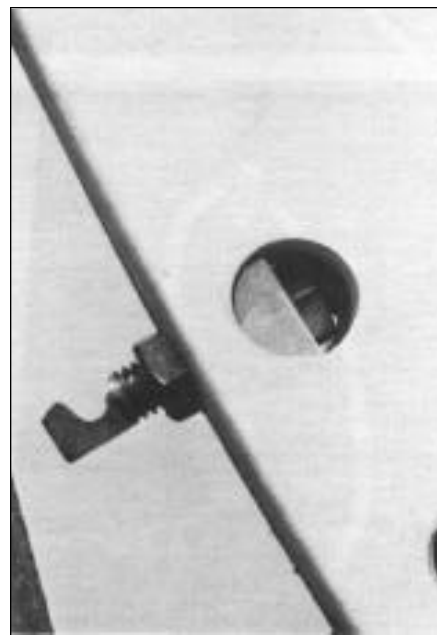
To install rudder blades into rudder castings, untie ends of downhaul and uphaul lines in castings but **DO NOT UNLACE**. Remove 1/4" bolt with locknut. Place rudder blade between casting with lock pin forward.



Insert 1/4" bolt through casting and 1/4" hole in rudder blade. Replace locknut and tighten until rudder will just fall by itself. Do not overtighten as this will restrict rudder movement, to loose and rudder will be sloppy in casting. Thread downhaul and uphaul lines into rudder blade and tie off ends with a figure eight knot. Make sure the ends do not extend beyond the edge of the blade. Follow same procedure on both blades.

### **Rudder Lock Bolt**

The rudder lock bolt is on the forward edge of each rudder blade. It is necessary to adjust this bolt to obtain proper helm. Making the bolt longer produces more weather helm (heavy steering) and shortening the bolt decreases weather helm (easier steering).



### **Adjusting Helm**

We recommend the following methods for adjusting the rudders before the boat is sailed.

Place boat so there is clearance to lower rudders and lock down. Take a short batten or yardstick and lay the straight edge flush against the transom. Adjust the



lock bolt so that the forward bottom edge of the rudder is about 1/2" aft of the forward edge of the batten. (Pull rudder back lightly to pull out any slop.) 1/2" aft is a good starting point, further adjustment may be necessary for personal preference.

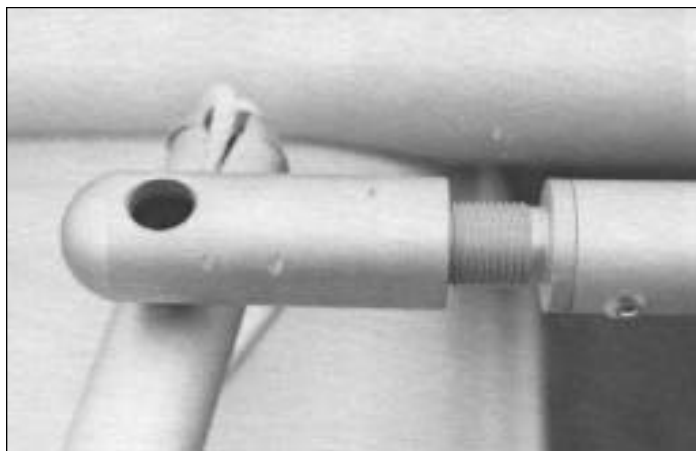
**NOTE:** As the mast is raked aft, the rudders must be raked forward to balance helm.



## Rudder Alignment

Lock both rudders down. Measure 22" up the leading edge of rudders and mark this measurement. Do the same on the trailing edges.

Turn the rudders so they are pointing down the hull as if sailing straight ahead.



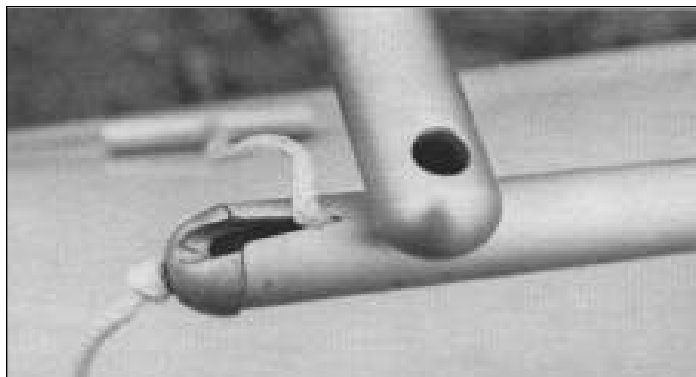
trailing edges is 75.5"; unscrew the tiller adjuster 4 or 5 complete turns and measure again. Keep adjusting until the measurements are the same. You can achieve accuracy up to 1/32" of an inch, but 1/8" is good.

## Operating the Rudder System

The Prindle rudders system is designed to be used underway and functions best under that condition. The aft force of the water facilitates raising the rudder and when the rudder is released the water slows its fall.



To raise the rudder, grab handle at end of tiller and pull until desired height of rudder is achieved.



Lock line in jam cleat at end of tiller by pulling line up.



Measure from the centerline of the front edge of one rudder blade (22" up) to the centerline of the front edge of the other blade. Do the same with the trailing edges.

If the distance between the trailing edges is greater than that of the front edges; lengthen the tiller adjuster by unscrewing it.

If the distance between the front edges is greater than that of the trailing edges; shorten the tiller adjuster by screwing it in.

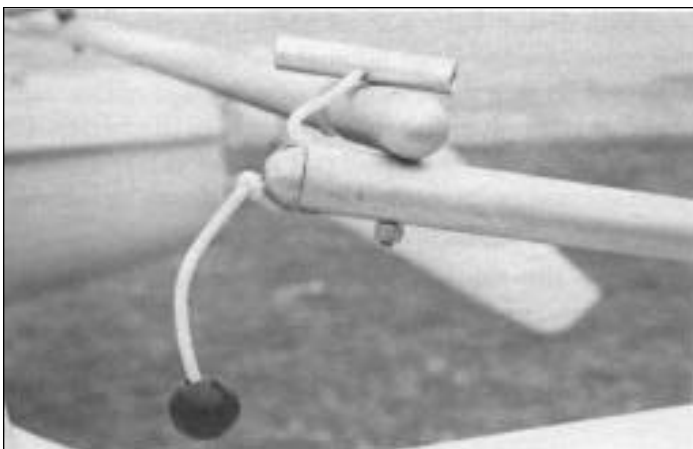
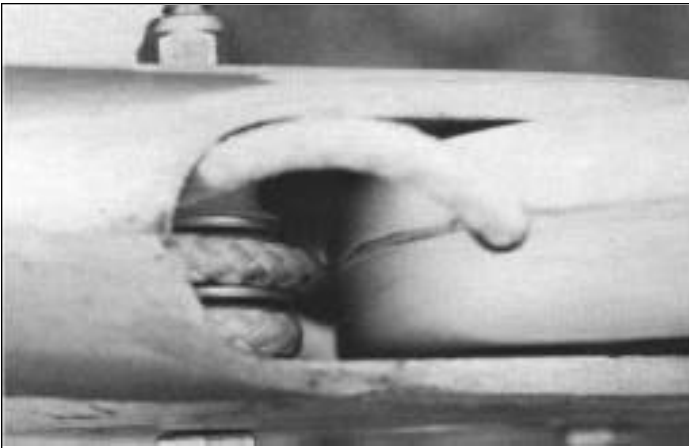
One complete turn is 1/16 of an inch.

Attach adjuster end of tiller crossbar to tiller.

Example: If the distance between the front edges is 75" and the distance between the



To lower rudder, release uphaul line from jam cleat and pull ball at end of downhaul line until lock bolt engages spring loaded pin in rudder casting.



In operation if the rudder is pulled up too far, the head of the rudder blade will hit the washers at the top of the casting. This could chip your rudder blade. To prevent this, tie a knot in pull down line about 3" from ball. Adjust position of know so that the raised rudder stops just short of hitting the washers.

## MAST AND RIGGING

### Masthead

Prindle 15s and 18s: Masthead is assembled before shipping.

Prindle 16s:  
To assembly your masthead, take the main halyard wire and thread eye through aft side of masthead casting (side with curf). Align sheaves with holes in masthead casting and insert clevis pins (1") through. Insert cotter ring through pin.

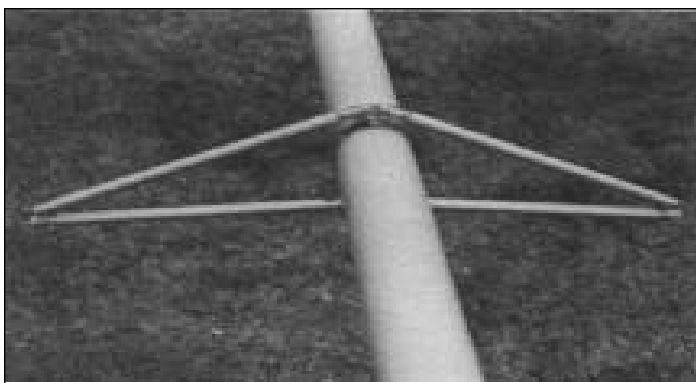


Attach main halyard line tail to eye of main halyard wire with bowline. Tie off main halyard line and wire to the base of the mast.

### Spreaders

18 only: The spreader bars are installed onto the mast spreader base with four 3/16" x 5/8" clevis pins and cotter rings. The adjustable length spreader bars are attached to the front of the spreader base plate and the shorter bars to the ears near the aft edge of the mast. Cotter rings should be on the bottom. Connect spreader tips with six clevis pins and cotter rings.





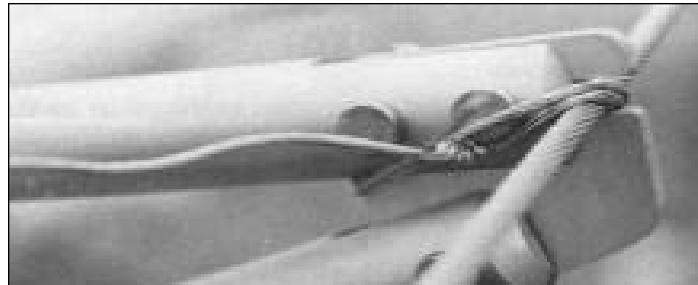
## Diamond Wires

18 only: Attach diamond wires to the tangs on the sides of the mast.

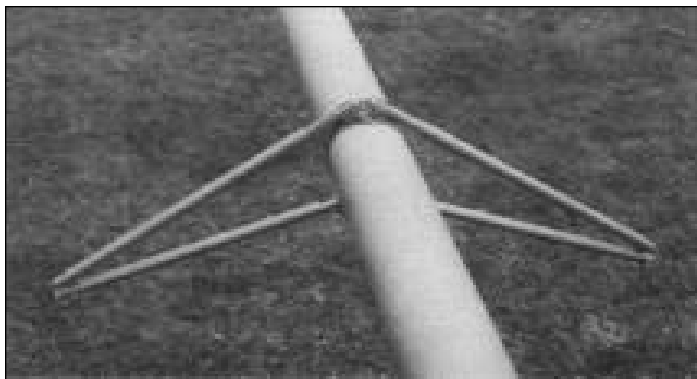
The fork fitting on the diamond wire is attached to the upper fitting on the mast.



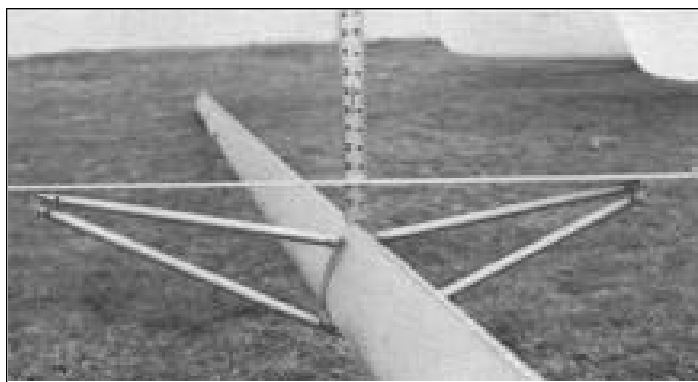
The turnbuckle on the diamond wire is attached to the lower fitting on the mast. The two separate turnbuckle studs should be started into the turnbuckle at the same time.



Place the diamond wire in the slot in the spreader tip with the nylon roller above the spreaders. Using one of the 9" pieces of seizing wire, seize the diamond wires in place so they cannot come loose. You must wrap the tips with duct, sail or electrician's tape to protect your jib from chafing.



The adjustable forward bar can be lengthened or shortened to adjust the amount of "sweep back" the spreaders have. The more the spreaders are "swept back", the smoother the mast bend will be, even with tight diamond wires. However the more "swept back" the spreaders are the more they will get in the way of the jib while sailing. There is no "right" or "wrong" in the amount of "sweep back" - just personal preference. Be sure both sides are adjusted to the same length.

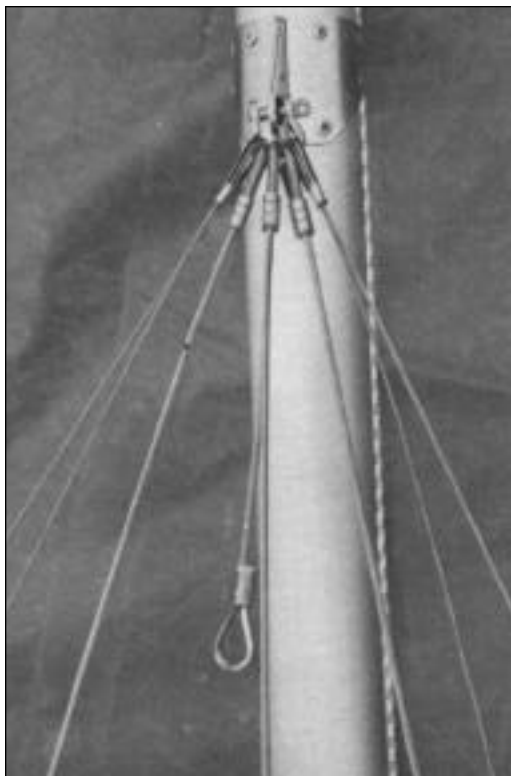


To measure the amount of "sweep back" in the spreaders, lay a batten or yard stick from tip to tip. Then measure the distance from the curf on the mast to the batten. About 1.5" "sweep back" is considered normal.

**DANGER! SPECIAL ATTENTION:** Be sure all spreader fittings are securely attached. The mast will break if the diamond wires come loose. The mast is not covered under warranty for breakage due to improper tuning, assembly or maintenance.

### Mast Rotator

15 & 18: The rotator wishbone is bolted to mast using the upper bolts fitted through the diamond tang fittings (no tangs on the 15). This fitting can remain on mast permanently. The lower bolts are used to keep the wishbone from dropping down onto boom.



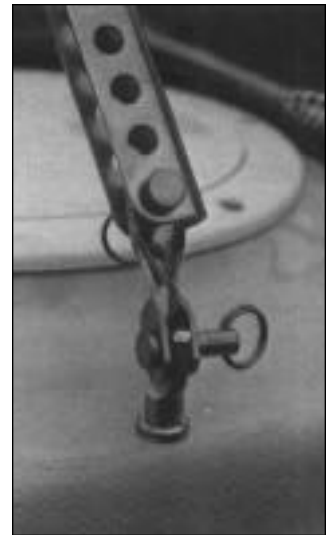
### Masthorn

All boats: Take large 5/16" shackle and thread rigging onto masthorn in this order:  
Trapeze wire  
Shroud  
Forestay pigtail (forestay of 15)  
Shroud  
Trapeze wire

**NOTES:** The Prindle 18 will have double trapeze wires on one thimble. When rigging forestay pigtail onto masthorn, the short wire should be towards mast on Prindle 16 and 18, the Prindle 15 will have the forestay wire only, no pigtail.

### Shrouds and Trapeze Wires

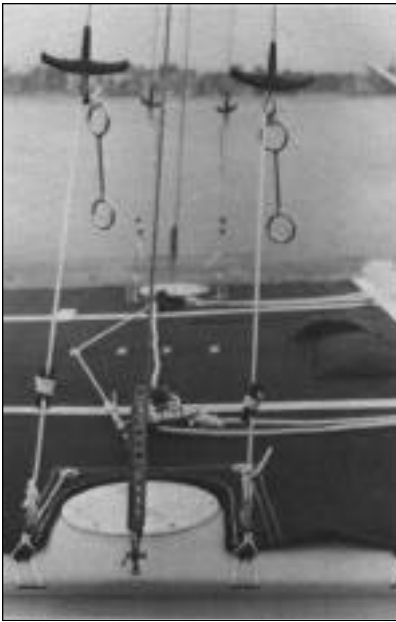
Attach twist clip to shroud pin on deck with 1/4" clevis pin. Attach twist clip to shroud adjuster using another 1/4" clevis pin. To attach shrouds to shroud adjuster, insert shroud thimble in between shroud adjuster jaws and insert clevis pin through adjuster and shroud thimble. Use one of the upper holes in the adjuster. Insert cotter ring.



Tie a trapeze ring to each of the 3' lines supplied. Thread the line through the thimble at the end of the trapeze wire. Thread one of the plastic height adjusters onto the line, wrapping the line around it at least twice. The adjuster allows you to adjust your trapeze height. Tie the tail of the line to the shock cord with a bowline.



Prindle 15 and 16  
Single Trapeze



Prindle 18  
Double Trapeze

### Forestay and Jib Halyard

Prindle 15: The forestay is already attached to the masthorn and there is no jib halyard.

Prindle 16 and 18: Attach the forestay to the long pigtail (30") with a 1/4" shackle. The ring must face towards the mast.

The jib halyard with the brummel hooks connected together is lead up through the ring, through the short pigtail thimble and back down through the ring. Tie both ends loosely near the base of the mast.



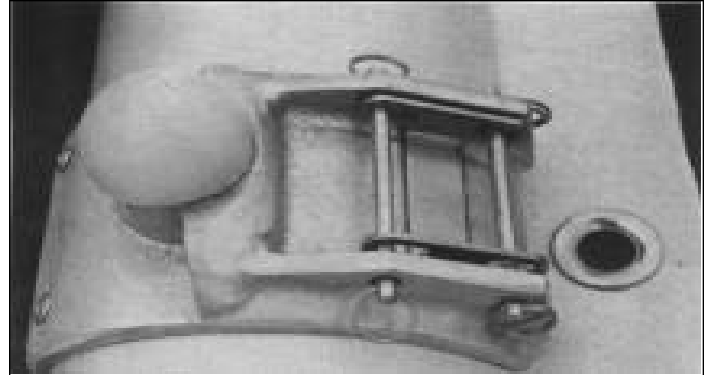
### Main Halyard

Prindle 15 and 18: The main halyard ring (ring with loop welded on) is attached to the main halyard by tying the halyard through the welded loop with a small, compact bowline. Attach the twisted shackle onto the ring.

Attach the main halyard ring and other end of main halyard near the base of the mast to help keep it out of the way while raising the mast.

Prindle 16: Main halyard has already been installed under "masthead" section.

### RAISING THE MAST



This photo shows the mast step and hinge. Store hinge components as shown when not in use.

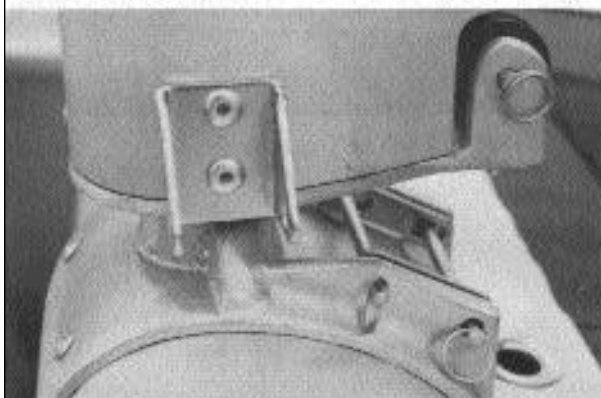
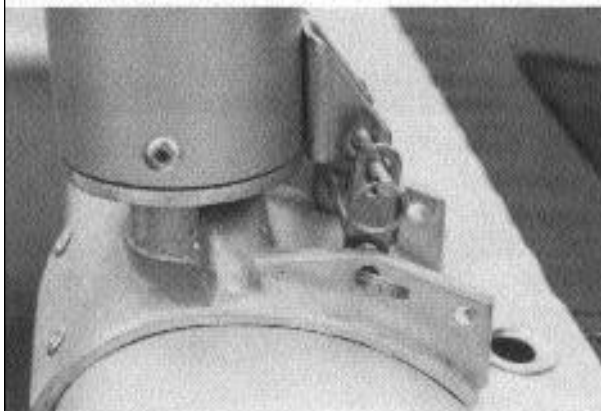
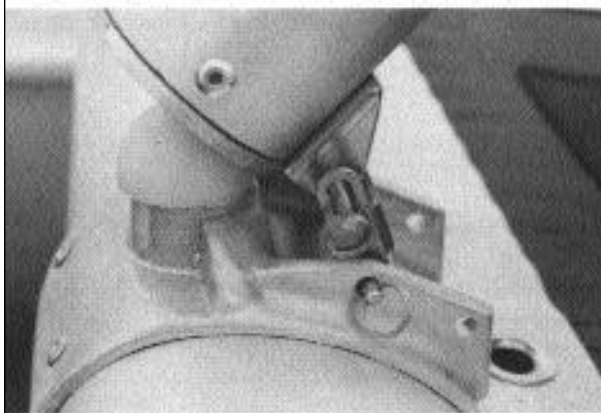
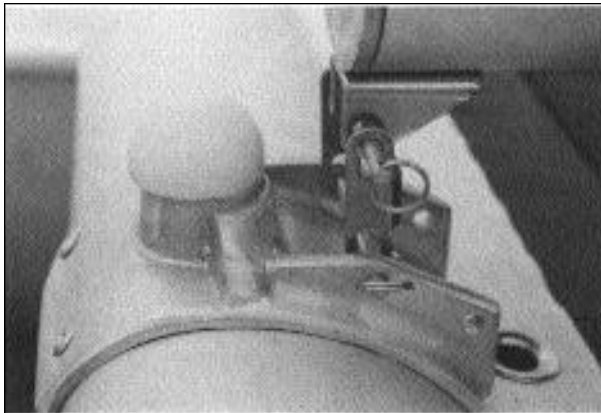
**HINT:** *You may wish to use the split ring from the forestay turnbuckle on the aft pin as it is easier to install.*

Before raising the mast, the boat should be on steady level ground. If the surface is not level, point the bows downhill. Lengthen the forestay turnbuckle so that only 3/4" of each threaded stud is into the barrel. Remove the clevis pin. Note that the shackle pin takes the place of the pin supplied with the turnbuckle.

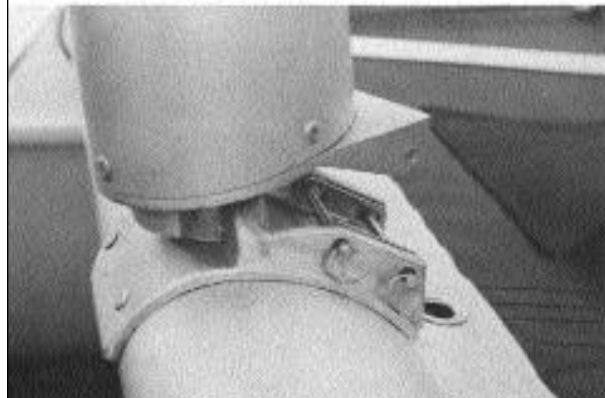
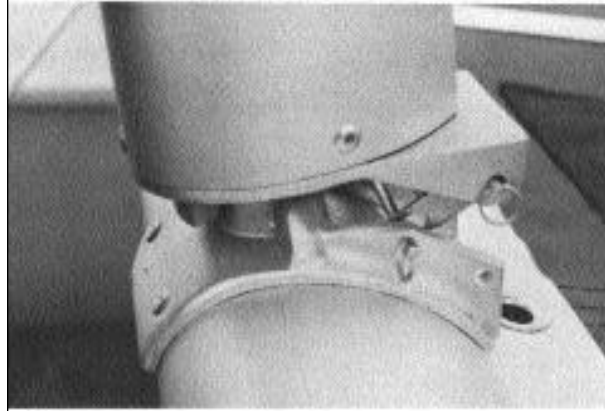
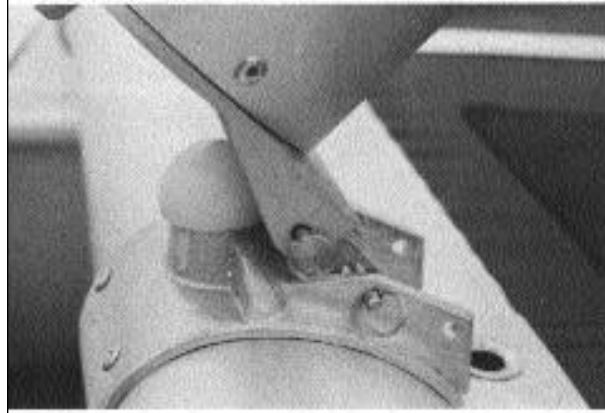
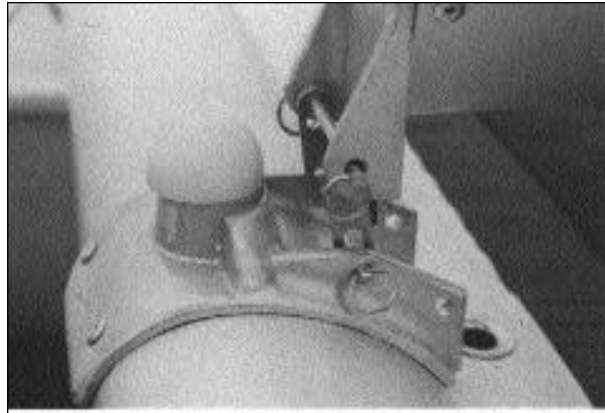
Uncoil and straighten out shrouds, forestay, and trapeze wires allowing them to hang over the tiller crossbar to the ground. Walk the mast back until the base is just behind the mast step on front crossbar. Secure the hinge to the mast base using the pin provided. Attach cotter rings to both ends of hinge pin to prevent it from falling out while raising mast.

Before lifting the mast, make sure wires will not catch on rudders or other obstructions and that forestay is clear and not fouled with the shrouds.

**CAUTION!!!! Check for overhead wires before raising mast. A mast which comes in contact with electrical powerlines can cause serious injury or death.**

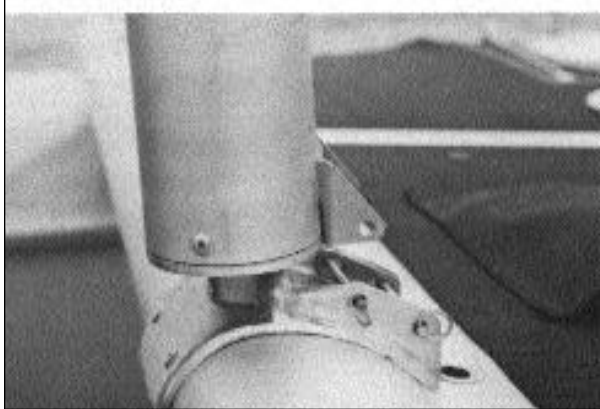
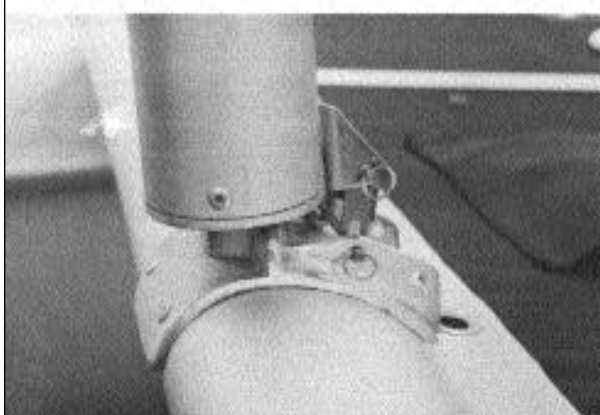
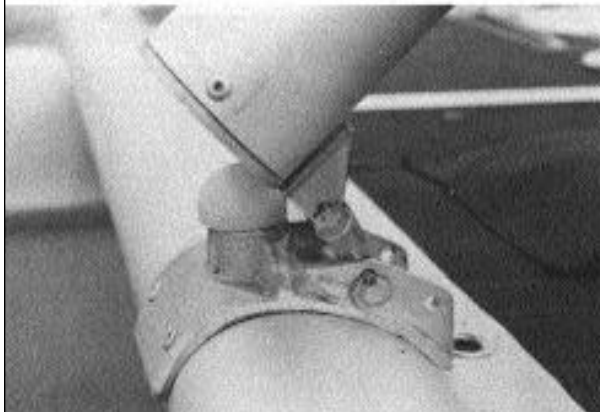
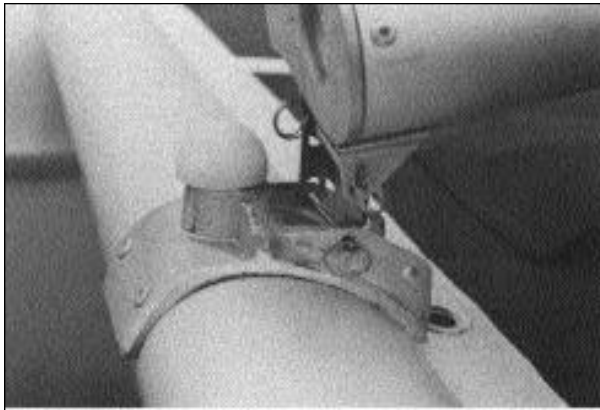


Prindle 15 mast step hinge in use



Prindle 16 mast step hinge in use





Prindle 18 mast step hinge in use



Stand on trampoline with one foot on rear crossbar to steady yourself.







Raise the mast to your shoulder and walk forward with it while extending arms over your head until the mast is held by the side shrouds.

NOTE: Make sure to tape the turnbuckle barrel and nuts to prevent them from loosening.



Attach the forestay to the 1/4" shackle holding the bow bridle wires together. After this initial rigging you can leave the forestay turnbuckle pre-set.

Tighten turnbuckle until mast is raked slightly aft of straight up. See Performance Tuning section for optimum mast

rake suggestion. If the shrouds are in one of the top holes the rig will be a little loose.

After hoisting the mainsail we will explain how to tighten the rig., Use a wrench or pliers to tighten the nuts against the turnbuckle barrel. This will help keep it from unturning.



## Diamond Wires



Prindle 18: Adjusting the tension of the diamond wires should be done with care. Before the sails are hoisted, but after the mast has been stepped; adjust both diamond wires to the same tightness. If one is looser than the other your mast will bend more on one tack than the other.

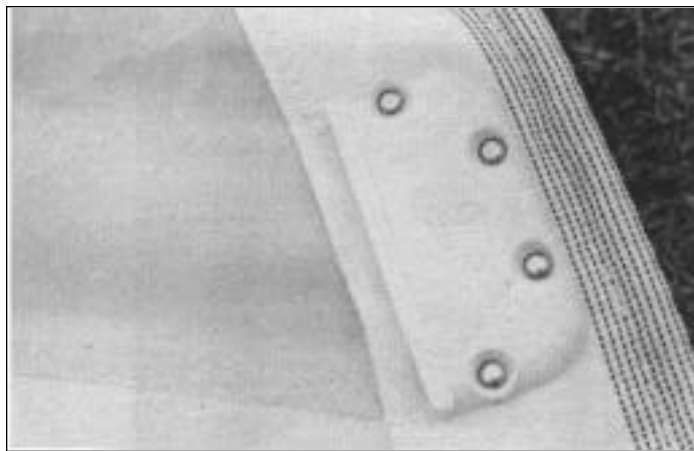
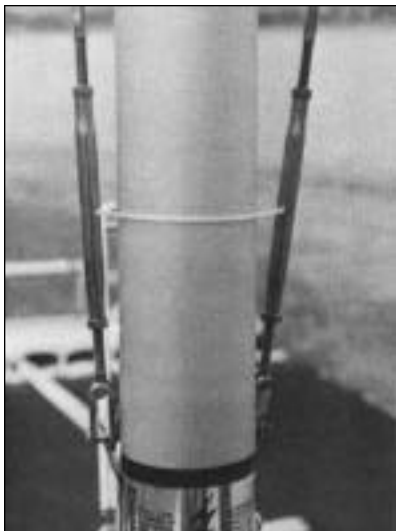
Push both wires towards the mast with equal tension at the same time. The wires should touch the mast at least 12" above the lower attachment point but not more than 20" above.

If the diamond wires are too tight, your mast will not bend and undo strain will be put on these wires.

**WARNING:** *If the diamond wires are too loose the mast could break under high pressure loads.*

Be sure to tape the locking nuts on turn-buckles after you have adjusted the wires so that they will not unturn. **SAILING NOTE:** The looser the diamond wires are the more the mast will bend and the flatter the sail will become (and vice versa).

A way to insure that the turn-buckles on mast do not loosen is to thread a small line (batten tie) through the center hole in each barrel, tying a knot on the back side of the barrel.



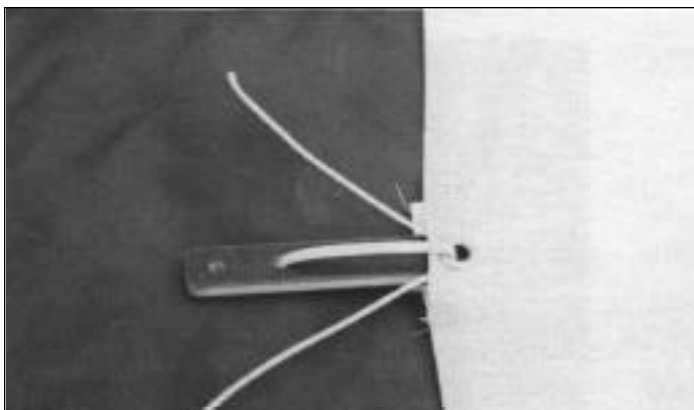
Insert tapered end of each batten (foam core) or the end with rounded edges (fiberglass) into batten pockets making sure each batten fits into the pocket end protector at forward edge of sail. Put plastic caps on aft end of fiberglass battens.

## **SAILS AND BATTENS**

### **Mainsail battens**

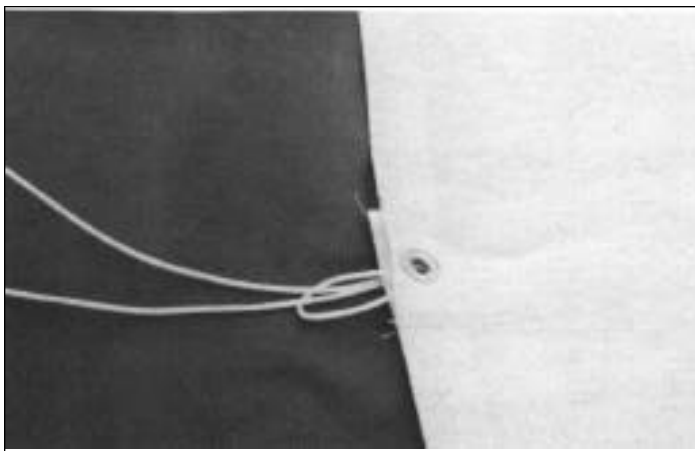
The Prindle mainsail has a batten between each panel of cloth. The longest one is the second one up from the boom. The rest go from long to short as you progress up the sail. The 15 and 16 each have nine battens, the 18 has 10.

Remove batten string ties from clew of mainsail.

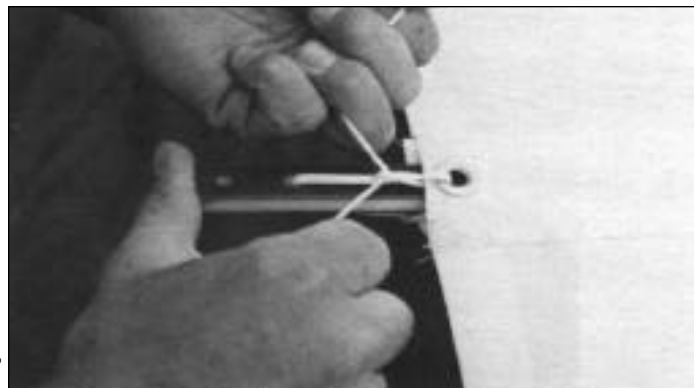


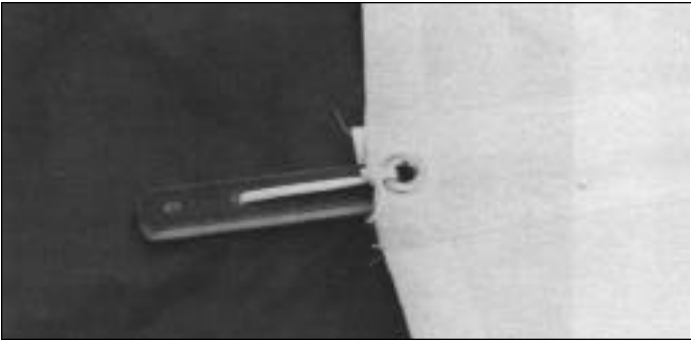
Lead string up through either hole in foam batten or through end cap and down through top grommet and tie an overhand knot (tightly) while pushing batten into sail with thumb.

Push batten tight enough to eliminate all wrinkles in batten pocket if using fiberglass battens. Foam battens should be tight enough to just "flop" from side to side.

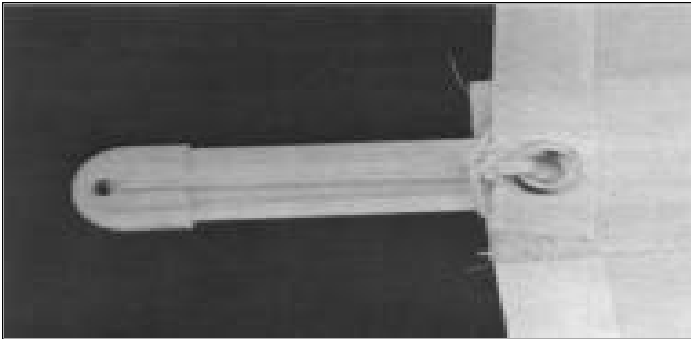


Fold batten string in half and loop through batten grommet on leech of sail.





Finish tying string with a square knot and tuck loose ends into batten pocket.

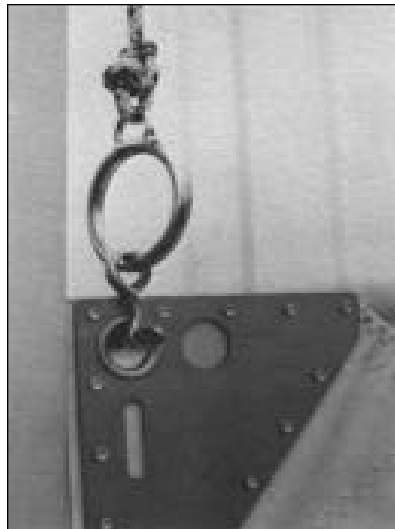


Finished tie on fiberglass batten.

### Hoisting the mainsail

Face your boat into the wind when raising or lowering your sails. Lay the mainsail to the batten ends will not get caught on the tiller crossbar.

Prindle 15 & 18:  
Attach the twisted shackle to the main halyard ring. NOTE: The halyard should follow the curf of the mast and not wrap around the hook at the mast-head.



Attach the twisted shackle to the head of the mainsail and place forward edge of sail into curf of mast.

With one hand, feed the sail into the curf and pull on rope tail of halyard (exiting at base of mast) with the other.

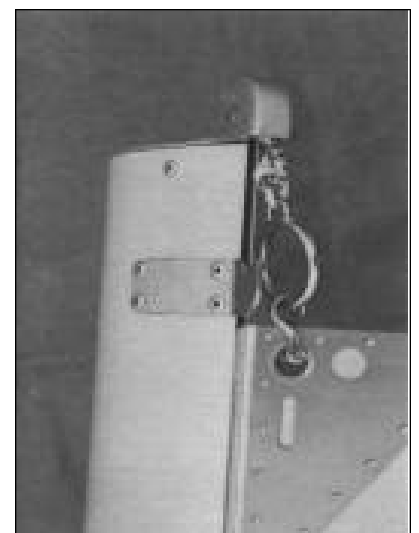
Make sure the mast base sheave, or roller, spins freely while raising the sail. If it does not, you may need to file the inside of the mast base casting.



When the sail reaches the top of the mast, you must lock the ring on the halyard line to the hook at the head of the mast. To do this, pull halyard until the ring is above the hook.

Rotate mast (push rotator) towards the starboard hull) so hook is inside ring and pull down on the tack of the sail gently until the ring locks onto the hook.

Coil the extra main halyard line and store in one of the pockets on the trampoline.





**Prindle 16:**  
Attach main hal-  
yard shackle into  
hole at head of  
mainsail.

Place forward  
edge of sail into  
curf of mast.  
With one hand,  
feed the curf and  
pull on rope tail  
of halyard with  
the other. Pull  
from directly for-  
ward of mast and  
not off to either  
side. This helps  
to prevent hal-  
yard from jump-  
ing out of mast  
head sheaves.

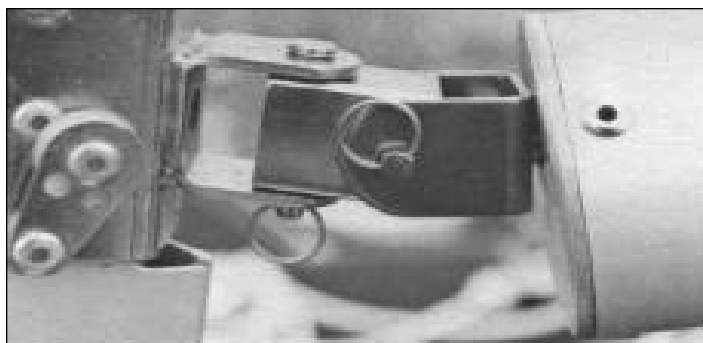


When the sail  
reaches the top of  
mast, you must  
secure the second  
metal stop on the  
halyard wire into  
the halyard lock  
on the mast. DO  
this by leading  
wire between  
teeth on lock and  
pulling down on  
sail to put tension  
on the metal stop.  
The other stop,  
further down on  
the halyard wire,

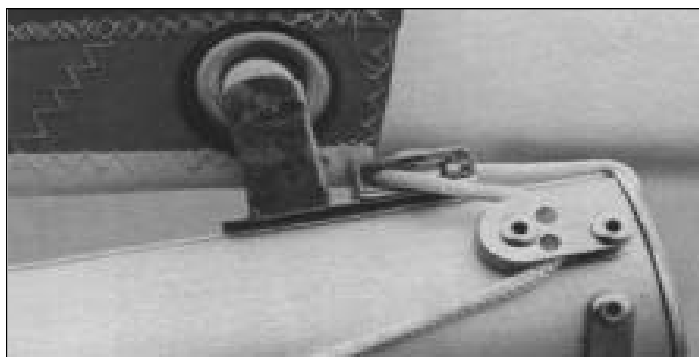
is for a reefed main only.

Cleat main halyard off and stow extra line.

## Boom



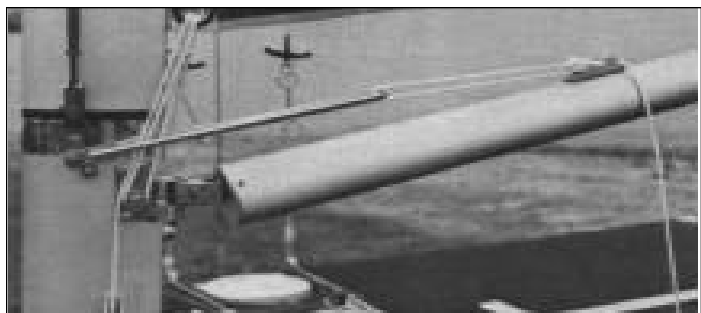
Remove clevis pin from gooseneck assembly  
attached to forward end of boom. Connect  
boom to the bracket on the mast using this  
clevis pin and cotter ring.



Remove clevis in from outhaul car on aft end  
of boom and lift boom to aft end of mainsail.  
Clew ring of sail goes in between sides of  
outhaul car. Reinsert clevis pin through sail  
and outhaul car. Install cotter ring in end of  
clevis pin.

## Mast Rotator

(previously installed onto mast)



Tie rotator line 3/16" x 5') to fairlead built  
into the aluminum clam cleat, down through  
the eye in the rotator wishbone and back  
through the cleat. This provides a 2:1 pur-  
chase for adjusting mast rotation. 45 to 75  
degrees rotation is considered normal for  
19 most sailing.

## Downhaul

Tie downhaul line (3/16" x 7') to tack ring of mainsail and lead:

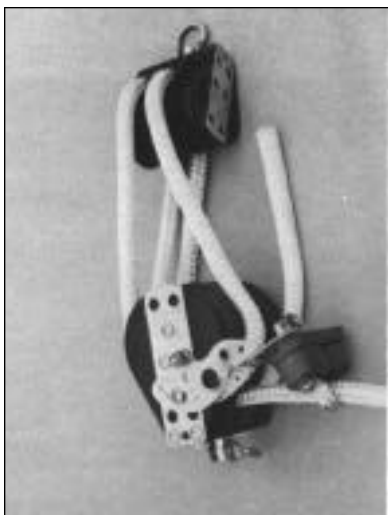
- 1) Through pulley on gooseneck on port side of mast
- 2) Through tack ring on sail
- 3) Around pulley on starboard side of mast
- 4) Back through tack ring and down to cleat

Prindle 15 and 18 Note: Lines are lead through inside of rotator wishbone. A method used by many racers to increase purchase is to tie the line through "U" bracket on gooseneck base first, lead it up through the tack ring, and then follow steps 1 to 4.

## Mainsheet and Traveler

Prindle 15 & 16:

To thread mainsheet blocks (6:1 purchase) lay blocks on a flat surface with the lower ratchet block facing right and the upper block on rollers as shown. Feed line through cleat and middle roller (ratchet) of lower



block and lead:

- 1) Through first roller of upper block
- 2) Up through outside roller of lower block
- 3) Down through middle roller of upper block

4) Up through inside roller of lower back

5) Through last roller of upper block

6) Down through fairlead on cleat base of lower block and tie off with a single overhand knot.



Prindle 18:

To thread mainsheet blocks (7:1 purchase) lay blocks on their sides on a flat surface. Feed line away from you through cleat and ratchet roller of lower block and lead:

1) Towards you through bottom of roller of upper boom block

2) Away through bottom roller of lower block

3) Towards you through top roller of upper block

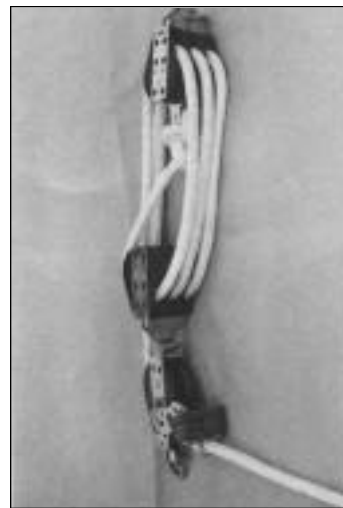
4) Away through middle roller of lower block

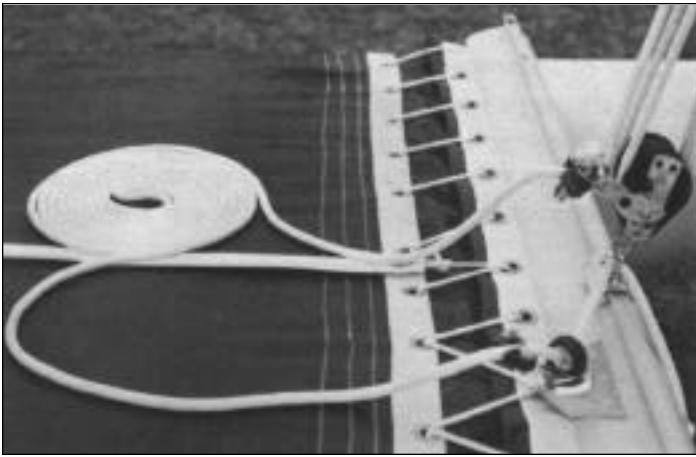
5) Towards you through top roller of upper block

6) Away through top roller of lower block

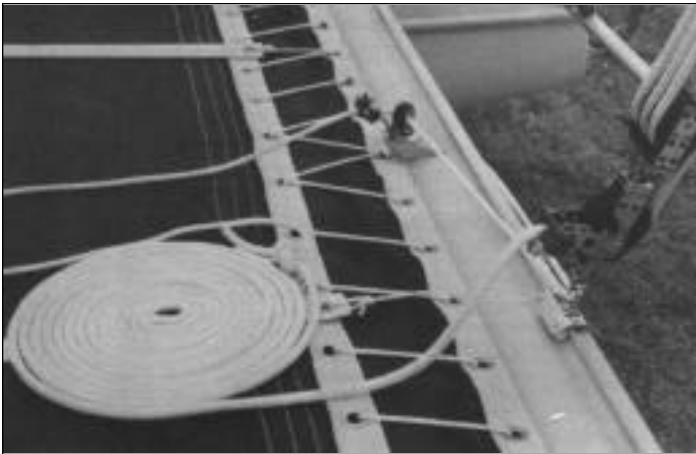
7) Tie to becket of upper block with bowline

All boats: Install upper block to block hanger on boom with 1/4" shackle. Install lower block to traveler with 1/4" shackle.





**Prindle 15 and 16:**  
Thread loose end of mainsheet through traveler cleat and fairlead (mounted on swivel pedestal, rear crossbar), traveler car, and pad eye. Tie off with figure eight knot.



**Prindle 18:**  
Tie or splice 5/16" traveler line to loose end of mainsheet and thread same as 15 and 16.

Complete mainsheet and traveler on Prindle 18

Complete mainsheet and traveler on 16 (same as 15)

Tips on splicing from Leigh Martin: Cut the bitter end of the mainsheet off with a new single edge razor. Pull out 8 to 12 inches of the center core and cut with a hot knife (or tape, cut with a razor, and burn end). Put the end of this core up to end of traveler sheet and carefully sew them together, end to end with no overlap using a good, heavy dacron-polyester thread. Feed the core and traveler sheet back into the mainsheet cover until it is all smooth. Sew the traveler sheet

into the mainsheet cover for the last 8 to 12 inches. This can be done neatly by stitching with the weave of the braid so that your stitches do not show. Make sure the stitches go through the middle of the new core (traveler). Complete it by turning end of the mainsheet cover over the traveler sheet.

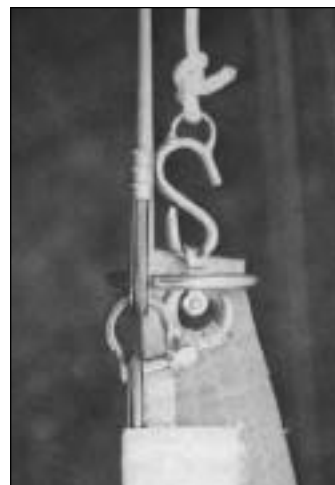
## Jib

Prindle 16 and 18 only:

Tie "S" hook to the aft half of the jib halyard. This can be left on permanently. Attach "S" hook to the head of the jib with a 3/16" shackle. Hook opening must face toward mast.



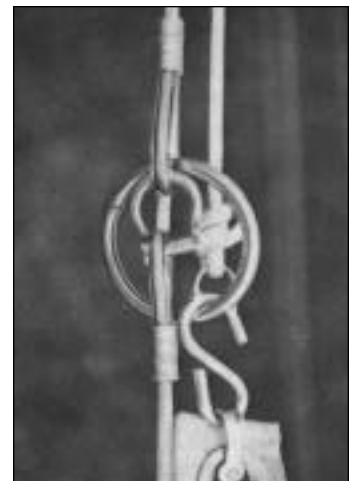
Start the zipper around forestay wire and jib halyard line. The jib halyard is internal in the luff of jib.



Hoist jib up, closing zipper as you do until "S" hook just passes ring.

Slowly pull the jib back down at the tack (forward lower corner) until the hook is locked in place. Note: the opening on hook should be between 1/4" to 3/8" for easiest operation.

Unlock the brummel hooks from each other and store extra halyard length in one of the pockets on the trampoline.

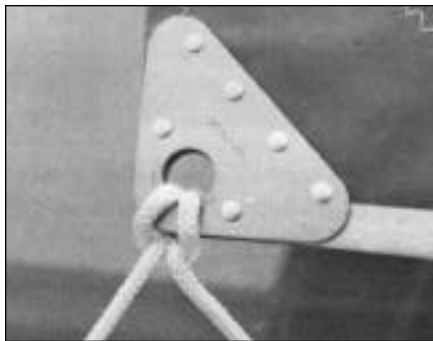
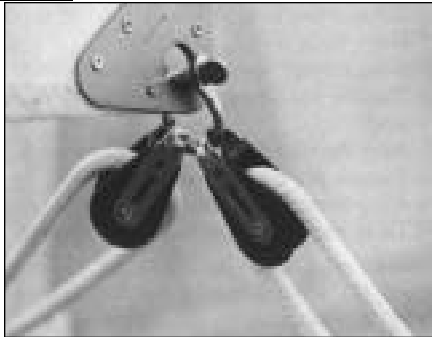




Lead jib downhaul line around shackle pin and cleat downhaul line snugly into cleat on jib tack.

Prindle 16 only:  
Attach two small pulleys (attached to jib sheet line earlier) to foot of jib by leading each one around the front of the mast, one

from each side. Put a 1/4" shackle through grommet in lower aft corner of jib (clew) and reattach pulleys with



shackle pin. Make sure that these lines are not twisted. Pull up slack from line leading between the jib sheet blocks and trampoline.

Prindle 18 only:  
Tie jib clew blocks to sail clew rather than with shackle. Use one of the 3/16" x 3' 7" lines. Tie one block to each end.

### Jib Sheet and Jam Preventer

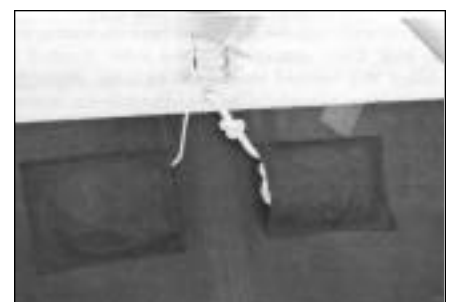
Using the extra 7' piece of shock cord supplied attach the center to the mast and tie each end to dolphin striker bar on opposite sides of mast. Be sure the jib sheet is lead outside shock cord. This will keep the jib sheet from catching under mast base.



Rigged boat ready to sail.

### Righting Line

It is recommended that you always carry a righting line on your boat. A grommet and pouch are on the trampoline to facilitate this. You will need a line at least 14' long and 3/8" or 7/16" in diameter. Tie a figure eight knot about 9" from one end. Insert the tail down through the grommet in tramp by the mast and tie another figure eight knot on this end. You might also find it useful to tie knots on the line every few feet so your wet hands do not slip when righting the boat. Coil the line and store it in a pouch until





## Tightening the rig tension

After the boat is completely rigged with sails up and mainsheet connected, it is time to tighten the rig. You should not attempt to do this by yourself or if it is windy until you have done it several times.



Turn the boat until the wind is blowing from a 45° angle to the bow. Ease the traveler out to the lee side and sheet the main in tight. Have your crew sit on the trampoline to keep the mainsheet from uncleating and the boat from tipping. With the main sheeted to lee-

ward, the leeward shroud will be loose. Move the shroud down a couple of holes on the adjuster, but not all the way down. Replace clevis pin and ring. Loosen mainsheet.

Turn the boat so the wind is coming from the opposite side. Ease the traveler out to what is now the lee side and sheet in. The new leeward shroud will be loose. Move the shroud down to the corresponding hole in the adjuster as the first shroud. If the rig is still loose, move the shroud down one or two more holes and repeat with the other side until the rig is fairly tight and both shrouds are in the same hole on the adjuster.

It is possible to over-tighten the rig which will make the mast hard to rotate.

When you take the boat apart, be sure to loosen one side only before taking the main down. By leaving one shroud in the correct hole, you will only have to tighten one side next time you go sailing.

If you are not happy with the mast rake you have, simply lengthen or shorten the forestay turnbuckle. Be sure to leave at least 10 complete threads into each side of the barrel.

## SECTION II: Sailing

### Sail Trim To Weather



The main traveler should be centered with the main and jib sheets in snug. Be careful not to pull the sails in too tight. If the main is oversheeted (too tight), the mainsail will be too flat and the boat will not move very fast.

If the jib is oversheeted it will stop the air flowing between the leech of the jib and the mainsail. This gap (slot) between the jib leech and the mainsail should be about 12 inches near the top of the jib.



The jib tell-tale on the leeward and windward sides should be streaming back. If the windward tell-tale on the jib is flopping forward you should head the boat downwind a little. If the leeward tell-tale is flopping forward, you should head the boat into the wind a little, or if you do not want to head up any further, let the sail out a little.

## Reaching



The main traveler should be set a few inches from center with the main sheet snug and the jib sheet slightly looser than used when going to weather. This will allow the distance between the main and the jib to increase. Both sails should be sheeted in so that both the leeward and windward tell-tales are streaming back.

## Downwind



Let the main traveler all the way out to the end of the crossbar and sheet the main loosely. Do not let the main out far enough to rub against the shrouds if at all possible. Trim the jib sheet loosely trying to keep the windward and leeward tell-tales streaming back.

If your boat is equipped with a barber hauler, see Section V - Tuning for Performance for instructions regarding its use.

## Downhaul Systems

The luff of both the main and jib should be pulled down tightly to pull all the wrinkles out when sailing. You have to be quite strong to over-downhaul the mainsail, so give it a hard pull. You can easily over-tighten the jib downhaul, so just pull hard enough to get wrinkles.

Notice the diagonal wrinkles in the luff of both the main and jib. Both sails should be down-hauled until they disappear.



## TRAPEZING

### Lacing the Harness

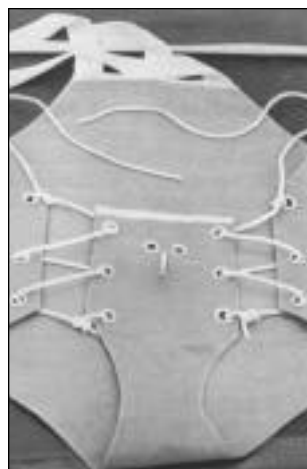
Using bowlines, tie each of the lines supplied onto the bottom inside grommets. Lace back and forth loosely and tie a half hitch at the top outside grommets.

Put the harness on. It should be slightly loose. Most people find a tightly laced harness uncomfortable. Slip the webbing over your head.

Feed the lines through the webbing grommet



from the backside, then feed one through each backside of top grommet near hook. Tie ends together using an overhand knot. Do not use a square knot. The webbing over your shoulders should fit tightly. The tighter it is the more it will support your back and shoulders.



## Trapeze Positioning

We recommend that you practice going out on the trapeze on shore before you try it while sailing.

Before hooking up, pull the dog bone down and see if it will reach the trampoline. The lowest ring should almost reach the outside edge of the trampoline. If it does not, adjust the length using the height adjuster.



Sit on the side of the hull just forward of the shroud. Pull the dog bone down and hook the uppermost ring onto the harness hook.



Lean back until you are being supported by the trapeze wire. Hold the jib sheet in your back hand.



Bring your forward leg out, put foot on rail. 25



Now bring your aft leg out and put that foot on the rail. Slowly straighten your legs out, keeping your feet two feet apart. Lean back! Do not hold onto the handle as you could unhook yourself.



When trapezing on a reach, move your weight back on the hull to keep the bows up.

## LAUNCHING

Always launch with your bows into the wind. There are two basic wind conditions that will affect the way you launch:

Onshore - (wind blowing from the water towards the land)

Offshore - (wind blowing from the land towards the water)

Before leaving the beach, make sure that the rudders are up all the way, the main traveler is out all the way, both sheets are loose and the hiking stick is on the windward side of the boat.

## Onshore



Push the boat off at a 45 to 60 degree angle to the wind until it floats, jump on and sheet in the jib (only) tight. (Do not sheet in the main yet.) This will pull you out at a good angle until you can safely drop your rudders.

As soon as water is deep enough, drop and lock both rudders, bring traveler to center and sheet in main. You're off!

This method can be used when very light offshore winds are blowing. Otherwise use the following method.

## Offshore



Look to make sure it is totally clear where you will be backing.

Walk boat out backwards until it is floating. Give boat a big shove and jump onto the bows. Keeping the transoms out of the

water, have the crew hold jib clew out as far forward as necessary to fill jib with air and keep boat moving backwards. Keeping the transoms out of the water will keep the boat moving straight out. When you are far out enough (usually about 100 feet) let the jib go, move to the proper sailing positions, drop rudders down, sheet in both sails and go.

## TACKING

Before starting your tack, be sure you are sailing to weather with good speed (sheeted in and traveler centered). Do not attempt to tack while sailing on a reach.



Make a smooth turn to windward using about one half the amount of rudder throw. Turning the rudders too sharply will stall the boat and bring it to an abrupt stop.



When the bows are pointing into the wind, release the main sheet 1 or 2 feet. Leave the jib cleated.



The skipper should now move aft, into the center, and swing the hiking stick to the new side. Do not straighten the rudders out. If you do, you will find yourself into "irons" (boat pointing directly into wind making no headway).



Leave the jib cleated until the boat is on its new heading. When the main "pops" to the new side, release the jib, bring it across quickly and sheet in. Keeping the jib on the windward side is called "backwinding". It helps pull the bows around until your tack is completed.



While the crew is sheeting in the jib, the skipper should be sheeting in the main and moving to the proper position on the wind-

ward side of the boat. Tack is now completed.

**NOTE:** *If you end up "in irons" you will start to drift backwards. While sitting on the weather hull, uncleat the main and push the boom to leeward. Backwind the jib and push the tiller away from you. This reverses the rudders and allows the boat to sail backwards. Leave them reversed until the bows are pointed in the direction of a close reach. Release the jib, straighten the rudders and sheet both sails in quickly.*

## JIBING

When sailing downwind or on a broad reach you must jibe. To do so, first check new direction to be sure it is clear of other boats.



The skipper should move aft and to the center of the boat while turning the rudder about 1/3 of the full throw.

Swing the hiking stick to the opposite side, placing the end aft of the rear beam and forward of the tiller arm. Keep the rudders turned by holding onto the tiller crossbar.



When boat is heading straight downwind, grab the sheets between the main blocks and pull the sail across. BE SURE TO KEEP LOW AS THE BOOM CROSSES THE BOAT.



When the main fills on the opposite side it may "snap" across so be ready for it. Have your crew bring the jib to the new side. Move to the side of the boat and pick up the hiking stick.

## BALANCE

Your Prindle Catamaran will sail faster and easier if it is sailed on its "lines" so that the water flows across the hull as it was designed to do.





Note how the transom is almost under water and the bows are very high. The sailors are too far aft - **MOVE FORWARD!**



Bows are too low and transoms are too high out of the water. Sailors are too far forward - **MOVE AFT!**



Trim fore and aft here is good, but there is too much weight on one side for the light air. Move the crew to the middle or leeward side.



When balance is proper, the leeward bow will

be between 6 and 12 inches out of the water and the weather hull will just touch the water. The idea is to sink the leeward hull deep into the water, thereby using the hull to reduce side slippage.

## RIGHTING

Even the best sailors flip occasionally, so prepare your boat for the inevitable. Install a righting line according to instructions in Section I - Assembly.

The boat will lose speed as it raises up on one hull and usually flips over slowly. Sit down on the flat surface of the hull.



Ease yourself down to the bottom hull using the mast as a step.



It is important to get off the top hull quickly to prevent the boat from turning upside down (turtle). Do not jump off the boat as current and wind may not allow you to return to it.



The skipper should uncleat the main while the crew uncleats the jib.

The crew should reach around the front crossbar for the righting line and throw it over the top hull. Make sure the bows are pointing into the wind.



ing your boat, carry your jib bag on board. Grab onto the righting line, scoop up a bag of water and hold it over your shoulder while leaning back. This extra weight should allow you to right the boat.

An alternative method is to tie a loop in the end of the righting line



If the mast is pointed into the wind, the boat may flip over in the other direction as you try to right it. To swing bows around into the wind, walk back towards the transom slowly until bows are positioned properly.

Be careful not to shift your combined weight too far forward or aft as this may cause the boat to roll and turn "turtle".

Standing even with the front crossbar, the skipper and crew should grab the righting line and lean backwards. Knots in the line help keep your hands from slipping. If you are single-hand-



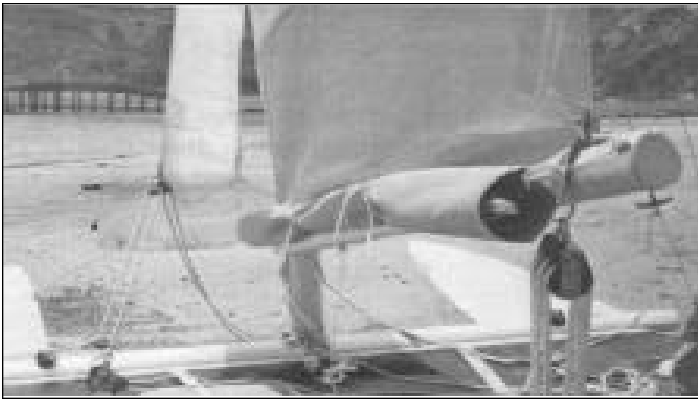
and attach the loop to your trapeze harness hook for more leverage.

Once the tip of the mast comes out of the water, the boat will right quickly. Be sure to hold onto the righting line until you can grab the boat and pull yourself up. The boat will now be

pointing directly into the wind and moving slowly if at all. Stow the righting line back in the pouch and you are sailing again!

## REEFING

Unlock the main halyard and lower the main-sail down about 4 feet. Lock the lower metal stop on the halyard wire into the halyard lock on the mast. The sail should now be about 4 feet short of being fully hoisted. Downhaul the luff using the ring in the reef patches.



Attach the outhaul car to the aft ring. Starting with the bottom batten, roll the extra sail up and tie with two 2 foot pieces of line using the reef points (grommets) in the sail. Do now tie around boom.



Reefed sail on a Prindle 16.

### SECTION III: AFTER SAILING

#### Loosening the rig

Before you lower your sails, you must loosen the rig tension using the mainsheet and traveler method (explained in Section I - Assembly). With the wind coming from the bow at a 45 degree angle, travel the main all the way out to the leeward corner. With the crew sitting on the trampoline, sheet the main in tight. The lee shroud should become loose.

Move the shroud up to the second to the top

hole in adjuster, insert pin and ring and uncleat the main. You do not need to loosen the other shroud. Leave it in the proper sailing position and you will know where to place the loosened shroud the next time you go sailing.

#### Lowering the sails

Point your bows into the wind. Uncleat the main downhaul and disconnect the boom from the mainsail.

To lower the jib, uncleat the jib downhaul. Rehook the jib halyards together with brummel hooks. Hoist the jib slightly until "S" hook is just above the ring and quickly pull the jib down by the tack.

**NOTE:** *If the jib does not lock or unlock the first time, try again. Remember the hook must face aft and to hoist the "S" hook just above the ring. Pull down slowly to lock and quickly to unlock.*

Lower the jib and tie the jib halyard at the base of the mast. Use the downhaul cleat for this purpose. Pull the lines tight to keep them from flapping while trailering. Leave zipper open with the zipper car at the head of the sail. If it is allowed to go to the bottom, it may fall off.



Fold the jib in half and start rolling from the middle.



Roll tightly without any folds. If it is windy, put the jib under the hiking strap to keep it from blowing away while you lower the main.

To lower the main on the Prindle 15 and 18, hoist the mainsail up as far as possible and rotate mast away from sail to unhook main halyard. This rotation

should be towards the side of the mast that the hook is riveted onto. The object to turn the headboard and ring away from the hook enabling the sail to be lowered past the hook.

**NOTE:** *The best way to do this is to have one person pull the sail up and rotate the mast using the rotator wishbone while some - one else pulls the clew of the mainsail in the opposite direction than the mast is rotated. The person hoisting the sail lets the halyard go and pulls down on the tack while keeping the mast rotated.*

Once the sail has dropped a couple of inches below the hook, let the clew and rotator go and drop the sail.

**NOTE:** *Be sure to have a knot tied in the end of the halyard to keep it from going inside the mast.*

After the main is down, attach the twist shackle to the rotator bar and pull the main halyard firmly and tie off.

To lower the main on the Prindle 16, hoist the mainsail up as far as possible and it should release from the halyard lock. Let the sail drop.

After the main is down, store the shackle in the curf on the mast, pull firmly on the main halyard and wrap the line around the mast

(below the shrouds) 3 or 4 times. Cleat off using the main halyard cleat.



Roll the main starting with the second or third batten from the top. Roll smoothly and tightly. Stop when you get to the next to the last bottom batten.



Insert the rolled jib and continue rolling.



Wrap and tie downhaul line around rolled sails.



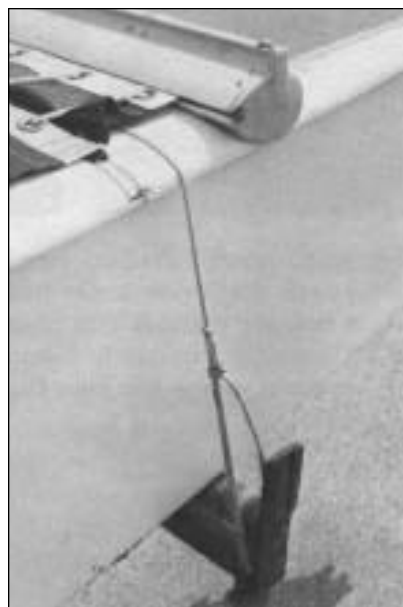
Place sails in long mainsail bag. Your jib bag can now be used to carry other miscellaneous items.

We strongly recommend that you store your sails in this manner rather than folding them as they will last much longer.



Unfasten the lower main block from the traveler car and the traveler line. Tie the out-haul line tail to the lower main block shackle and coil the excess mainsheet. This keep everything from becoming tangled in storage.

## Trailer

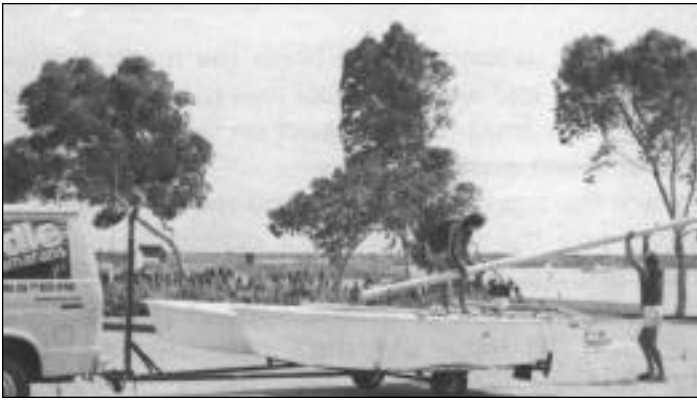


Place the boat on the trailer. Tie the boat down using at least 1/4" nylon or dacron line. DO NOT TIE ANYTHING TO THE DOLPHIN STRIKER OR ROD. Remove the rudder blades from castings. Be sure they are marked port or starboard so you don't have to retune them the next time you go sailing.

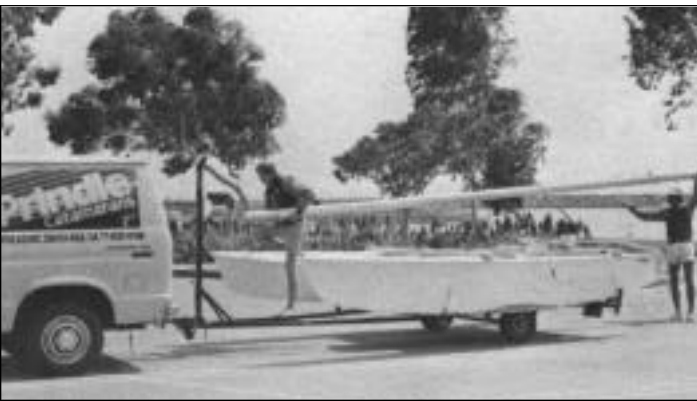


Attach mast hinge to the mast. With one person on the trampoline, push the mast forward and disconnect the forestay shackle. DO NOT undo the turnbuckle. Rig shackle so it holds the two bow bridle wires together. Check in back of boat to make sure you will not be lowering the mast onto a person, car, or power line.

**CAUTION - Extreme caution must be observed when launching and sailing near overhead wires. A mast near a wire could be fatal!**



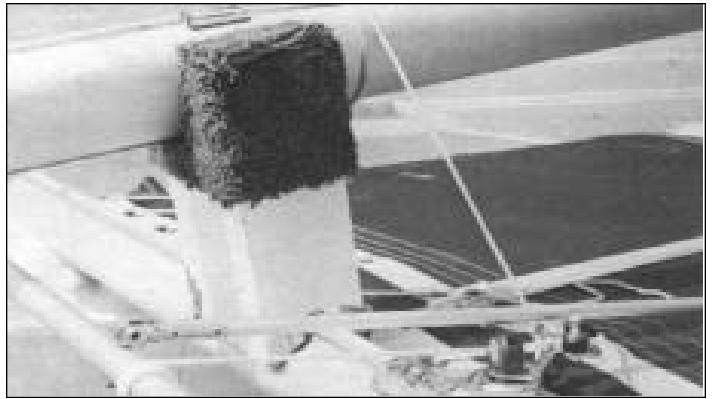
The second person should move to the back to catch the mast as it is lowered.



While the second person holds the mast, remove the hinge pin and walk the mast forward until you can place it in the front mast

support on the trailer. Store hinge in down position.

Place the top of the mast in the rear mast support making sure the mast does not extend beyond the rudder castings. Trailer the Prindle 15 and 18 with curf up to prevent damage to rear support padding and mast. DO NOT trailer with the Prindle 18 mast on its side. The bouncing will put excess shock loads on the spreader assembly.



Secure the mast and support to the boat by wrapping the tie down line around the mast twice and down through the trampoline grommets. Store the tiller under a hiking strap or jib lead line to keep it from flapping around. Tie a 3 or 4 foot piece of line to the traveler pad eye, around the tiller crossbar twice, and through the fairlead and cleat. This will keep the rudder castings from swinging. Tie the front end of the mast down making sure to wrap line twice here also.

There are several ways to store your rigging while trailering. Here are two popular methods.



#1 Tie a 6 foot line to the front mast support. Bring all shroud and trapeze wires forward to the front support and tie the line around them.



Lace the forestay through the back lace lines 2 or 3 times. Store trapeze dogbones under trampoline to keep them from banging around. You may wish to tie the wires up off the front crossbar to keep them from rubbing on a long trip with a line over the mast.



#2 This method is not recommended if the boat is stored outside during the rainy season. Remove both hatch covers and feed shrouds and trapeze wires into each hull. Store forestay as in method #1.

With any method you use, the important thing is to keep all rigging separate and tangle-free.

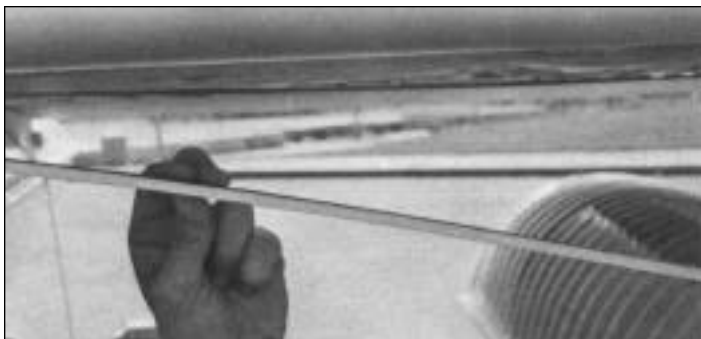
Store the jib sheet by tying or shackling the jib clew blocks to the bow bridle shackle.

Pull the jib sheet snug and cleat each side. Store the extra line in the halyard pouch or loop around hiking straps.

## SECTION IV: Maintenance

### Dolphin Striker

The single most important maintenance procedure is done on the dolphin striker. This **MUST** be kept snug at all times with no play between the vertical rod and the bar. Think of the dolphin striker as the backbone of your boat.



To test the snugness of your dolphin striker, grab the aluminum bar between the side and the rod, push up and then pull down. If you can move it more than 1/4" you must tighten the rod.

To tighten the rod, first loosen the nylon mast bearing (half-round ball on top of mast step).





Loosen screw at bottom of striker rod.

Turn dolphin striker rod clockwise using a wrench and the flat spot on the rod designed for this purpose until the bar is snug again.

Retighten the nylon ball and screw.

The bolts that connect the striker bar to the front crossbar should be loosened occasionally to check for cracks in the crossbar. If cracks are apparent, the crossbar should be replaced. There is a back-up plate inside the crossbar so these bolts can be tightened easily from the outside. Again, do not overtighten, since the bolts could snap.

## BATTENS

Prindle 16 and 18 Catamarans are equipped standard with solid fiberglass battens. These are virtually unbreakable but do require some attention.

Make sure that battens are inserted all the way into the batten pocket with tapered end inside the stop at the luff of the sail. If it is not, the batten may tear the sail. The battens should extend about 1-1/2" past the end of the batten pocket. You may wish to trim them to this length.



Loosen battens when storing the sail for more than a few weeks or during extreme temperature changes. This relieves pressure on the sail and battens and will preserve the life of both.

## Foam/Fiberglass Battens

Race equipped Prindle 16 and 18s and all Prindle 15s are equipped with foam/fiberglass battens. These battens are much softer and more fragile requiring more care.

Occasionally, a delamination may occur at the tapered end where the foam narrows towards the tip. To repair, spread the glass and foam apart slightly and coat with 5-minute epoxy, clamp tip together, and let harden. This repair should be stronger than new.

Take care when rolling a sail with foam battens. If the sail is rolled unevenly and battens are allowed to twist they will hold the twist. This may hamper your sail shape. You can however, remove this twist by removing the batten from the sail and twisting it in the opposite direction and holding it for a moment or two. The batten should spring back fairly straight.

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE TIPS

After your second sail on your Prindle Catamaran and periodically thereafter:

- 1) Tighten the 8 crossbar bolts. This is very important as most of the strain on the boat is concentrated on these bolts.
- 2) Check all shackles (shrouds, forestay, etc.) and other fasteners (including nuts and bolts on blocks and cleats). Tighten where necessary.
- 3) Check all hardware attached to hulls (bow tangs, shroud pins, gudgeons) for tightness. Do not over tighten.
- 4) Cut off excess length on solid fiberglass mainsail battens leaving 1-1/2" past aft edge of sail.

## Hulls

Check for leaks at all hull fittings by covering these areas with detergent and blowing air (from your lungs) into drain plug hole. DO NOT USE A VACUUM CLEANER AS THE EXCESS PRESSURE CAN DAMAGE THE HULLS. If detergent bubbles, there is a leak. Remove fitting and cover area with clear silicone sealant and replace.

## Rudders

Rub paraffin on the inside of casting where blade slides to ease operation. To fine tune: remove uppermost bolt on casting and paraffin. If there is slack between sheaves add a washer on nut end of bolt. Insert and tighten. This will help keep lines of sheaves. Remove bolt which holds top of spring and rub with paraffin. If rudders do not kick up easily: pull spring to loosen tension and replace bolt. Paraffin lock pin. Sand all rough edges on blades lightly. Always remove blades for trailering.

## Sails

Rub paraffin on the luff of mainsail to ease hoisting. Sail tape should be applied to batten pockets where it hits shrouds to avoid chafe. Always fold your jib and store it in the envelope bag or roll it - DO NOT JUST STUFF IT IN BAG. Roll your main front the third batten (from top) to your boom and store in long boom bag. Storing your sails will greatly lengthen their life. Rinse the fresh water whenever possible.

NOTE: Howe and Bainbridge, Inc., the manufacturers of our sail cloth have sent us the following memo which we felt was important enough to pass on to you.

-- *To prevent color transfer on your sails, dry them as thoroughly as possible after using. Try not to store wet in sailbag for any longer periods of time than necessary.*

*When either dyed nylon or dacron sail fabrics are stored wet, the color will bleed or transfer from the colored to the white or even from a darker shade to a lighter shade. The wetter and more compressed the fabric, the greater the bleeding - such as stuffed in a sailbag. --*

## SECTION V: TUNING FOR PERFORMANCE

### Mast Rake:



To measure the amount of mast rake, your mast must be up with your rig tension snug. Lay a carpenter's level on the trampoline just aft of the hatch. Adjust the boat until it is level fore and aft and relatively level from side to side. Attach a one or two pound weight (a heavy wrench will work) onto the main halyard. Using the main halyard as a plumb, measure the distance from the aft edge of the mast at the black band to the center of the plumb. This distance is how much mast rake you have. We recommend between six and ten inches of aft rake. You may find that you prefer slightly less or more.

### MAST ROTATION

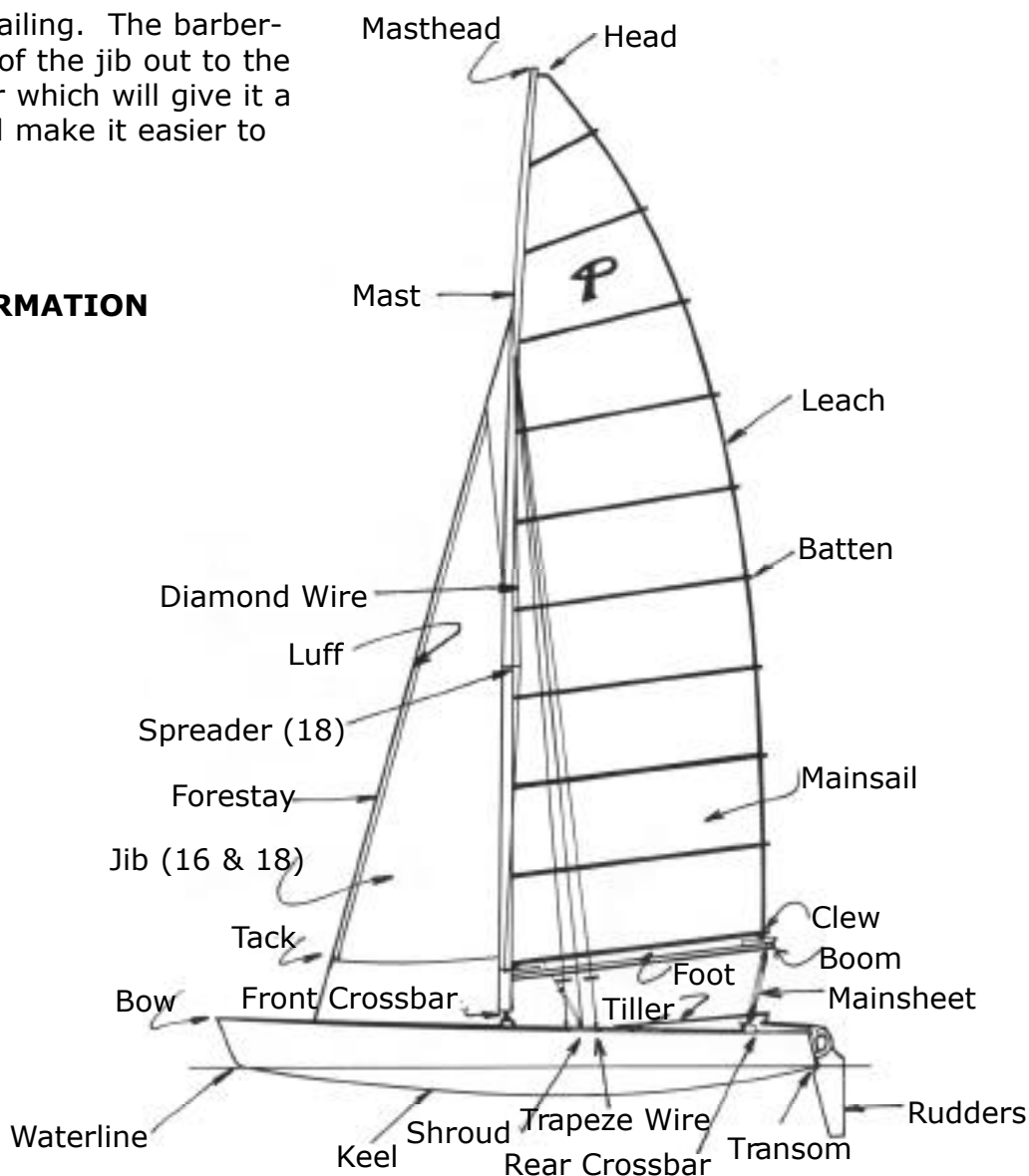
The Prindle 15 and 18 come equipped standard with an adjustable mast rotation control (wishbone device on the mast). For most sailing this rotation should be set between 60 and 75 degrees from straight back. A good rule of thumb is to have the wishbone pointing at the shroud when you are sailing to weather. As you ease the traveler out, the rotation will automatically increase so that it should be between 80 and 100 degrees for downwind sailing. When sailing to weather, an increase in rotation will flatten the mainsail and less rotation will make the mainsail fuller.

## BARBERHAULER

A barberhauler system works like a traveler for the jib and is used for broad reaching and downwind sailing. It is optional equipment. This system is generally used to get that "extra edge" while racing and is not necessary for pleasure sailing. The barberhauler will pull the clew of the jib out to the end of the front crossbar which will give it a slightly better shape and make it easier to trim properly.



## SECTION VI: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

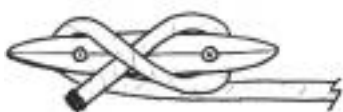
Aft . . . . .	toward or near the rear part of the boat
Asymmetrical . . . . .	not symmetrical. On Prindle hulls - flat on one side, curved on the other
Batten. . . . .	thin, narrow strip of material used to stiffen the shape of a sail
Beat . . . . .	to sail to windward
Block . . . . .	roller or pulley
Boom. . . . .	aluminum tube that holds the foot of the mainsail and attaches to the mast
Bow . . . . .	the forward part of the hull
Capsize . . . . .	to turn the boat over
Cleat . . . . .	device which secures a line or rope by jamming or tying off
Clew . . . . .	lower, rear corner of sail
Closed Hauled. . . . .	sailing close to the eye of the wind
Crossbar . . . . .	aluminum tube connecting two sides together
Curf. . . . .	grove in boom, mast or crossbar
Diamond Wire . . . . .	wire that attaches to mast and spreader to control mast bend
Downhaul . . . . .	line used to pull down the tack of a sail
Downwind. . . . .	sailing away from the wind
Eye of the Wind . . . . .	exact direction the wind is blowing from
Foot. . . . .	bottom edge of sail
Fore & Aft . . . . .	from the bow to the stern
Forestay . . . . .	forward wire supporting mast
Gooseneck . . . . .	fitting connecting the boom to the mast
Grommet . . . . .	metal ring set into a sail
Gudgeon. . . . .	fitting bolted through transom of hull for attaching the rudder system
Halyard . . . . .	line or wire used to hoist and lower sail
Harness . . . . .	a support worn while hooked to trapeze wire
Head. . . . .	top of sail
Head Off . . . . .	to steer the boat away from the wind
Head to Wind . . . . .	also referred to as "in irons" - pointing the bows directly into the wind
Head Up . . . . .	to steer the boat into the wind
Helm . . . . .	tiller which controls the rudders
Hike. . . . .	to position weight as far as possible to windward
Hoist . . . . .	to pull up
In Irons. . . . .	heading directly into the eye of the wind, unable to tack or go forward
Jibe . . . . .	also gybe, to change course of boat without tacking
Lee . . . . .	side falling away from the wind
Leech . . . . .	back edge of sail
Lee Helm . . . . .	tendency of boat to turn away from the wind
Leeward . . . . .	side away from the wind
Line . . . . .	rope
Loose Footed . . . . .	mainsail not held to a boom for its entire length
Luff . . . . .	leading edge of sail, or flagging of sails due to improper trim or heading
Mast . . . . .	aluminum tube used to support sails
Mast Rake . . . . .	positioning the top of the mast fore and aft in relation to straight up and down
Outhaul. . . . .	system used to pull clew of mainsail away from the mast
Pintel . . . . .	pin which holds rudder casting onto gudgeons
Port . . . . .	the left side
Reaching. . . . .	to sail across the direction of the wind
Reefing . . . . .	to reduce sail area
Rigging. . . . .	lines, wires and spars used for support and operation of mast and sails
Rudder . . . . .	wing shaped devies used to steer the boat
Shackle . . . . .	"U" shaped fitting with removable pin used to fasten lines or parts together

Sheaves . . . . .	roller or pulley
Sheet. . . . .	lines used to control sails
Shroud . . . . .	wires on each side of boat supporting the mast
Spreader . . . . .	strut projecting from side of mast to brace diamond wire
Starboard . . . . .	the right side
Stern . . . . .	back of hull
Tack. . . . .	to turn the bow by having the bows cross through the eye of the wind, . . . . . or lower forward control of the sail
Tell Tale. . . . .	short pieces of ribbon or yarn attached to sail or rigging for reading wind direction
Tiller Extension . . . . .	device which controls rudder steering
Trampoline . . . . .	material stretched between hulls and crossbars to sit on
Transom . . . . .	aft most end of the boat
Traveler . . . . .	"car" which rolls width of rear crossbar
Trim. . . . .	to adjust sheet tension, or to balance hulls in water . . . . . so they function to maximum efficiency
Turnbuckle . . . . .	threaded fitting for adjusting wire length
Upwind . . . . .	to sail into the wind
Weather . . . . .	to sail to windward
Windward . . . . .	side toward the wind

## GLOSSARY OF KNOTS



Figure eight



Cleat half hitch



Reef knot or square knot



Two half hitches



Truckers hitch



Bowline



Double overhand knot

