



Raising the Mainsail

HELM:

- Motors slowly head to wind
- Commands “READY TO RAISE THE MAIN”

CREW:

- Ensures halyard is attached to head of sail
- Close main hatch & hardens main sheet
- Removes sail ties
- Eases the main sheet & cunningham
- Readies the main halyard
- Responds “READY”

HELM:

- Ensures the boat is still head to wind
- Commands “RAISE THE MAINSAIL”

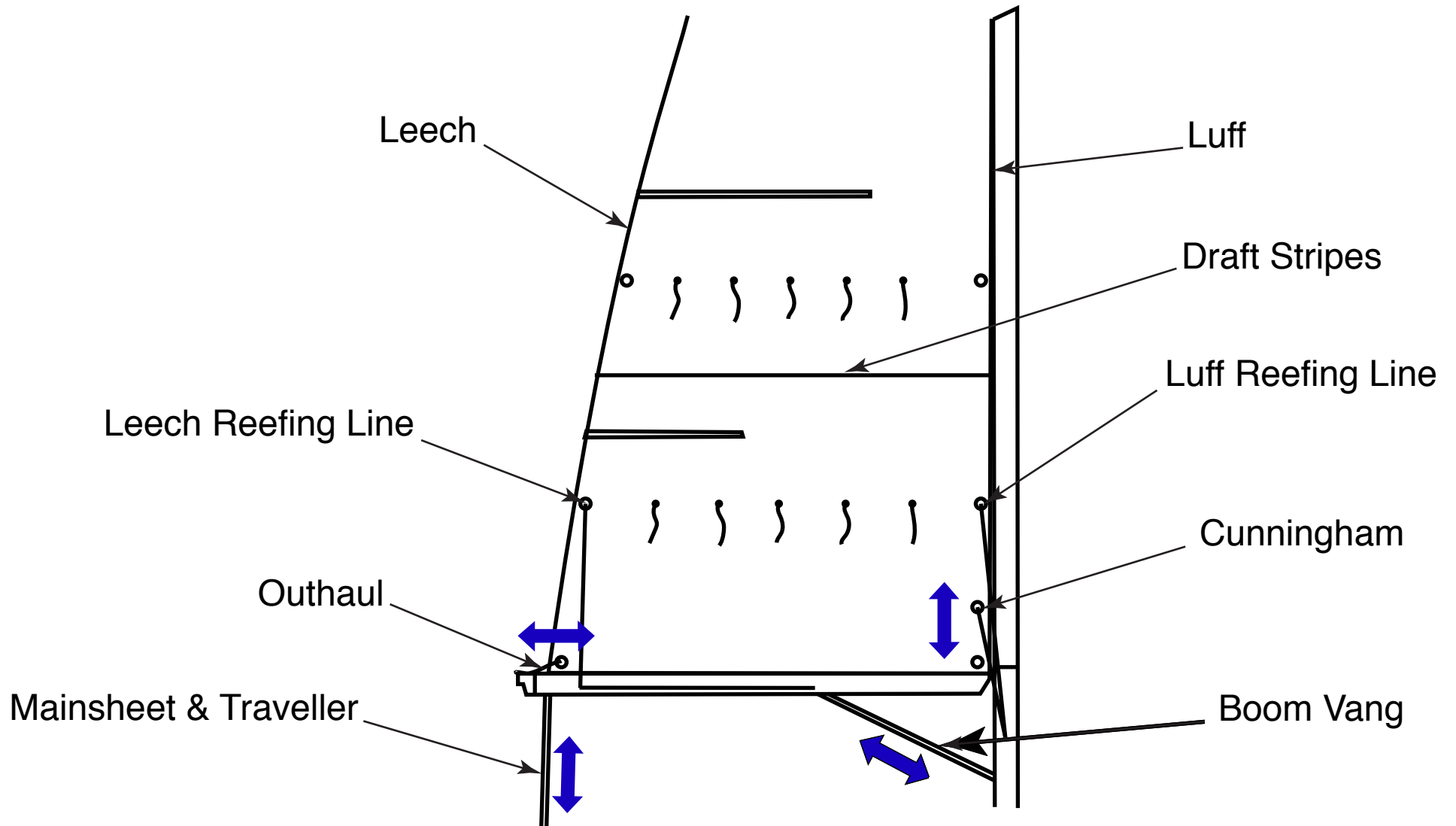
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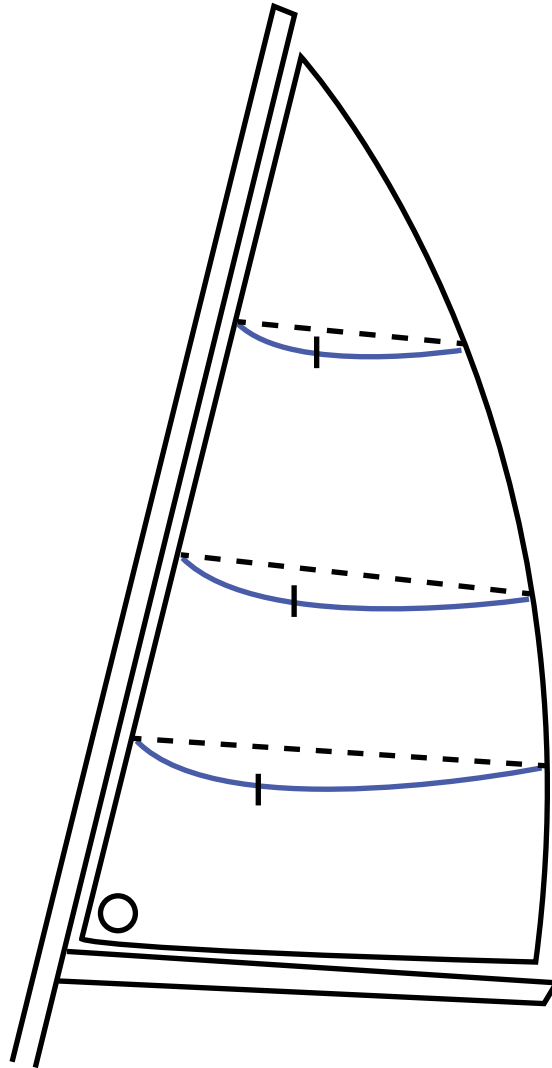
- Raises the mainsail quickly
- Sets luff tension
- Adjusts topping lift
- Hardens mainsheet
- Coils or flakes and stows halyard
- Stows sail ties

HELM:

- Bears away and sails under mainsail
- Shuts off engine
- Gets ready to unfurl/raise headsail

Mainsail Controls





The draft
(deepest part of the curvature of the sail)
should be around 40% of the distance
from luff to leech

