

Sailing Terms

Boat:

- Hull – Boat Structure
- Deck – Horizontal Top
- Gunwale – Joint Hull & Deck
- Bow - Front End
- Stern - Rear-end
- Transom – Rear Vertical Part of Hull
- Cockpit – Seating Area
- Aft – Toward Stern
- Forward – Toward Bow
- Abeam, Amidships - Middle
- Freeboard - Side Height
- Starboard - Right Side (Green)
- Port - Left Side (Red)
- Rudder - Steering fin
- Tiller - Rudder control
- Keel - Fixed Fin
- Centerboard - Rotating Fin
- Daggerboard - Sliding Board Fin

Fixed Sailing Hardware:

- Mast - Vertical Pole(s)
- Boom - Horizontal pole

Standing Rigging:

- Fore Stay - Forward support wire
- Back Stay - Aft Support wire
- Shrouds - Side Support wires

Parts of Sail:

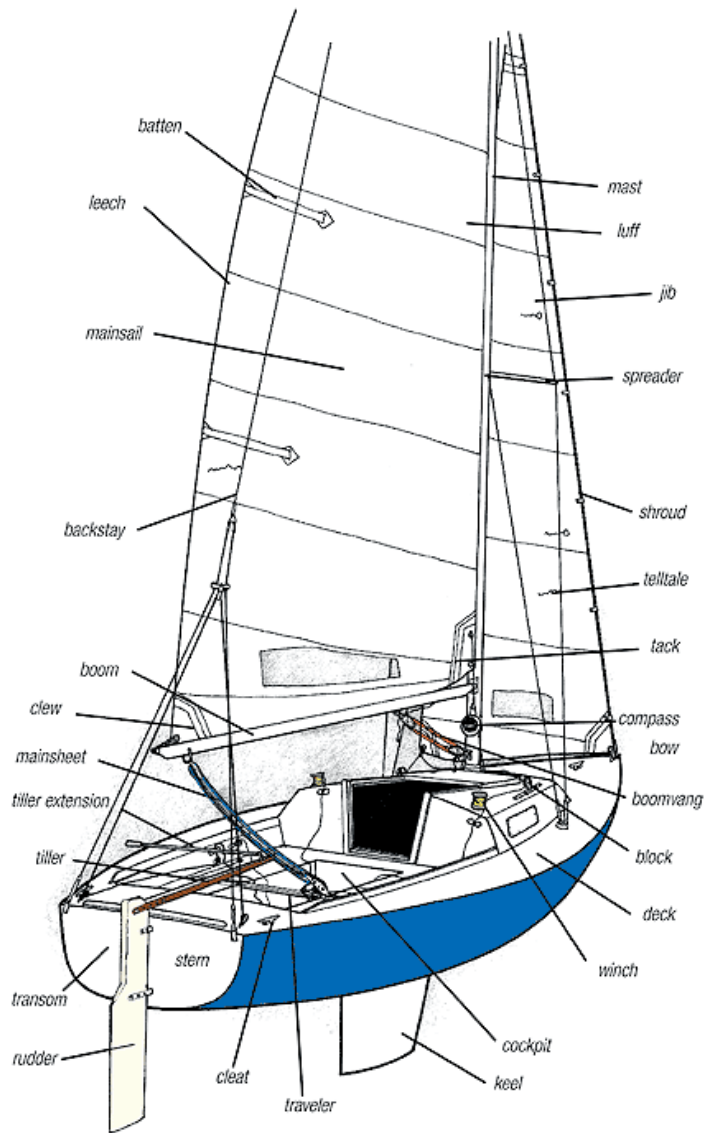
- Luff - Front Edge
- Leach - Back Edge
- Foot - Bottom Edge
- Tack – Bottom Front Corner
- Head - Top Corner
- Clew - Rear Bottom Corner

Running Rigging (Adjustable Sailing Lines):

- Halyards - Pull Sails Up (Main & Jib)
- Sheets - Adjust Sail Angle (Main & Jib)
- Adjust Sail Shape
- Out Haul – Tension Foot of Sail
- Cunningham – Tension Luff of Sail
- Boom Vang – Pull Boom Down (Flatten Sail)

Wind Direction:

- Described as Direction Wind is coming from or source of wind
- Side of Boat Wind passes over first (side wind is coming from) “Windward”
- Opposite Side (side wind is blowing toward) “Leeward” (Sails on Leeward Side)



Parts of a Sailboat

