

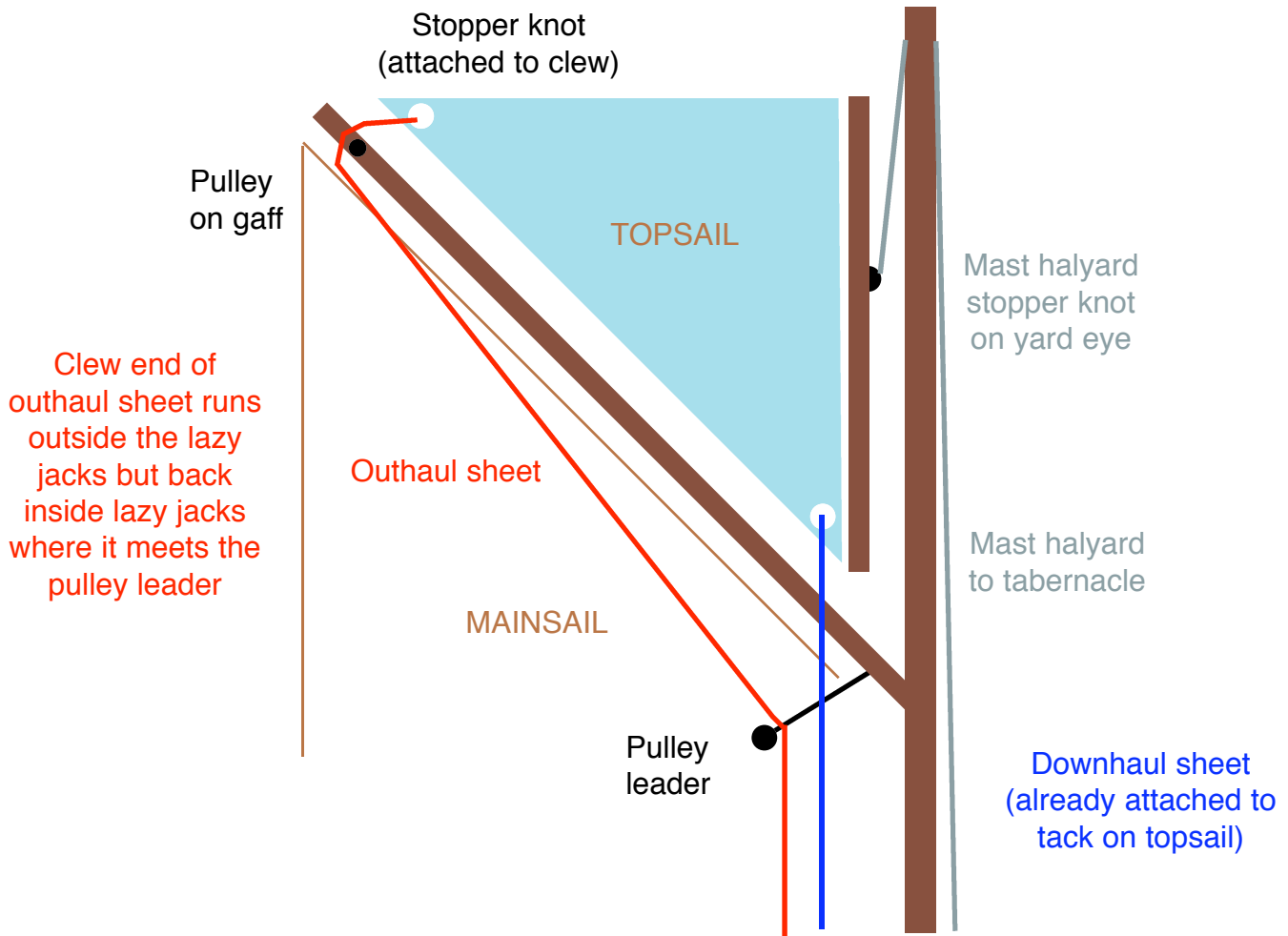
Y23 – HOISTING YOUR TOPSAIL

Moonriver – Y23 No. 26

If your topsail lives under your bed at home as ours did for 3 years, you may find these basic instructions helpful! If, however, you hoist yours regularly, please ignore the following.

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It is advisable to hoist your topsail whilst on a starboard tack as this gives you clear vision of the outhaul and downhaul sheets against your mainsail.



- 1 Unroll your topsail, sit on deck facing the mast with the base of topsail on your left.
- 2 Undo the nearest topsail halyard rope from the mast. Place it through the eye midway on the yard securing it with a double stopper knot.
- 3 Place the outhaul rope through the clew to left of the topsail and again secure with double stopper knot.
- 4 Downhaul sheet already attached to tack of topsail at base of the yard.
- 5 Holding the three important ropes, outhaul sheet, mast halyard & downhaul sheet, you can now hoist your topsail slowly, remembering to pull your downhaul sheet last.
- 6 Finally, secure all three ropes to the tabernacle at base of mast.

NB.Lower your topsail slowly, be aware of the yard!

Good Luck - Sheila Murray