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PARTS IDENTIFICATION of CAPE COD MERCURY SLOOP (FIBREGLAS HULL)

HEAD
CLASS INSIGNIA: WINGED SANDAL OF MERCURY, MESSENGER OF THE GODS - (ROMAN MYTHOLOGY)
CC
MAINSAIL IS RIGGED TO SAILTRACK ON MAST AND BOOM BY CLIPS KNOWN AS SLIDES
LEACH
MAINSAIL
HEAD
JIB IS RIGGED TO FORESTAY - ALSO TO SHEETS AND HALLIARD - BY SNAPHOOKS
LUFF
LEACH
JIB
LUFF
SIDESTAY (STAINLESS STEEL WIRE)
CLEW
TACK
CLEW
FOOT
TACK
MAIN SHEET
JIB SHEET
TILLER
WATERLINE
RUDDER
CENTERBOARD (IN LOWERED POSITION)

SAILS, RUDDER AND CENTERBOARD

MASTHEAD
BLOCK
MAST (A SPAR)
FORESTAY
MAIN HALLIARD (HOISTS MAINSAIL) - IT GOES ALOFT THRU MASTHEAD & DOWN TO CLEAT ON SIDE OF MAST
JIB HALLIARD - (HOISTS JIB) - IT GOES ALOFT THRU BLOCK & DOWN TO CLEAT ON SIDE OF MAST (SEE "CLEATS" AT BASE OF MAST)
SAILTRACK
GOOSENECK
SAILTRACK (FULL LENGTH)
BOOM (A SPAR)
CENTER-BOARD
CENTERBOARD TRUNK
CLEATS
CHOCK (FOR PAINTER)
JIB SHEETS (WHEN NOT IN USE)
BOW DECK
DOWNHAUL
BOW FITTING (HOLDS TACK OF JIB)
PAINTER
THIS END IS THE BOW
OUTHAUL
OUTHAUL TRAVELER (HOLDS CLEW OF MAINSAIL)
MAIN SHEET BLOCKS
BOOM CRUTCH
MAIN SHEET (RUNS THRU 4 BLOCKS)
THIS END IS THE STERN
TRANSOM
RUDDER TRACK
STERN DECK
FLOTATION TANK AND SEATS (ONE ON EACH SIDE OF BOAT)
KEEL - (FULL LENGTH OF HULL) (FOR STRENGTH)
TOPSIDES - FULL LENGTH OF HULL
WATERLINE - ALL BELOW IT IS UNDERBODY
BILGE - (TURN OF HULL AT WATERLINE)
JIB SHEET FAIRLEAD - ONE ON EACH SIDE OF BOAT
JIB SHEET CLEAT
SIDE DECK - THE RAISED STRIP AROUND INNER EDGE IS COAMING
RUB RAIL (WOOD STRIP) - FOR PROTECTION OF HULL

HULL, SPARS AND RIGGING

MAINSAIL
A SMALL BOLT HOLDS TACK OF MAINSAIL
MAST
BOOM
GOOSENECK IS A PIVOT FOR BOOM
DOWNHAUL

CLOSE-UP OF GOOSENECK

sheets + lines (ropes)
halyard - raise sail
outhaul - fasten clew
main sheet - trims sail

THE PARTS BY WHICH SKIPPER CONTROLS THE BOAT ARE ONLY THREE:
TILLER
MAIN SHEET
JIB SHEET
(SEE SAIL DIAGRAM)

A BIT OF "BOAT TALK": THE WIDTH OF A BOAT IS KNOWN AS THE "BEAM"
THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF A BOAT (LOOKING AHEAD) IS "STARBOARD" SIDE - THE LEFT IS "PORT"
ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF HULL IS "AMIDSHIPS" - OUT SIDEWAYS, EITHER HAND, IS "ABEAM"
WITHIN THE HULL IS "INBOARD" - EXTENDING BEYOND IS "OUTBOARD" IS "OVERBOARD"
A PERSON INBOARD GOING TOWARDS THE BOW GOES "FORWARD" - BUT A BOAT GOES "AHEAD"
A PERSON INBOARD GOING TOWARDS THE STERN GOES "AFT" - BUT A BOAT GOES "ASTERN"

AHEAD
ABEAM PORT SIDE
ABEAM STARBOARD SIDE
ASTERN
Bird's eye view of boat

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