

### S III - REBUILD - No 10 - DECK FITTINGS.

Standard fittings are eyes for the jib sheets on the side decks and fairlead jamming cleats on the coamings, and either 3 or 4 part mainsail tackle. The jib fittings can be enhanced by fitting sliding fairleads and winches and additional eyes for a genoa.

Much of this is personal choice, if you are satisfied with pottering then the standard arrangement will work quite well.

I find as the years roll by that I need to stay in the cockpit for most of my sailing and to this end I now use foresail reefing and also bring my halyards aft by the following method. However before embarking on this you need to budget for new halyards for the mainsail, jib and topping lift because almost certainly the existing ones will be too short. In addition you require 3 blocks on a 3-way organiser, a 2-way jammer and a single speed halyard winch.

The new halyards go through blocks fastened to the tabernacle, through the organiser and back through the jammer for the main and jib and to a cleat for the topping lift.

All of these are bolted through the coachroof between the hatch runners and the handrail, backed up with reinforcing pieces of ply inside the coach roof. You can winch up and jam the the main and jib and control the topping lift on the cleat as you sail - and in perfect safety.

If you regularly pick up a mooring, a line from the bow cleat outside everything and back to a small hook or cleat on the side deck, where you can reach it sitting in the cockpit and clip on to your mooring pennant, is another worthwhile fitting.

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