WIDGEON

RIGGING INSTRUCTIONS

(The glossary on the back page will help you identify many of the terms used in these instructions.)

The following is a check list of gear which you should have with your Widgeon in addition to the hull (standard equipment):

1. Mast with 3 stays, main and jib halyard.
2. Boom with main sheet (36' long) andouthaul line attached.
3. Rudder and tiller.
4. Sailbag containing mainsail with 3 battens and jib (if ordered).
5. Two fore and aft Philippine mahogany seats (these are removable).

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT FOR RIGGING BOAT

You will find a pair of pliers helpful in rigging your boat, particularly when using cotter pins, and a roll of tape. Care should be taken to spread the ends of these pins so that they will not fall out. If you are not used to handling cotter and clevis pins, they are very easy parts to accidentally drop over the side and not quite so easy to recover. Your marine dealer or hardware store can supply you with a quantity of these to keep on hand.

It is suggested that you study these instructions thoroughly before rigging your boat or putting it into the water. It might be helpful if you open the sailbag and spread the sails out over a large floor or lawn to see what they look like and how they fit on the boat. For ease in handling you might want to mark the corners of the sails (lack, clew, and head) with a marking pencil.

STEPPING THE MAST

The first step is to remove the two spreaders which are taped onto the mast. You will notice that these two aluminum tubes, or spreaders, have a hole in one end and a slot in the other end. These spreaders should be fastened with clevis pins onto the fittings on either side of the mast about one third up. (Picture 1)

Into each of the slots place a side stay. A small wire will be found in a hole at the slotted end of the spreader. Wrap the wire around the stay as many times as possible which will prevent the stay from jumping out of the slot. This area should then be covered with tape to protect the mainsail when it is blown up against these rough edges.

PICTURE 1