

The Lightning



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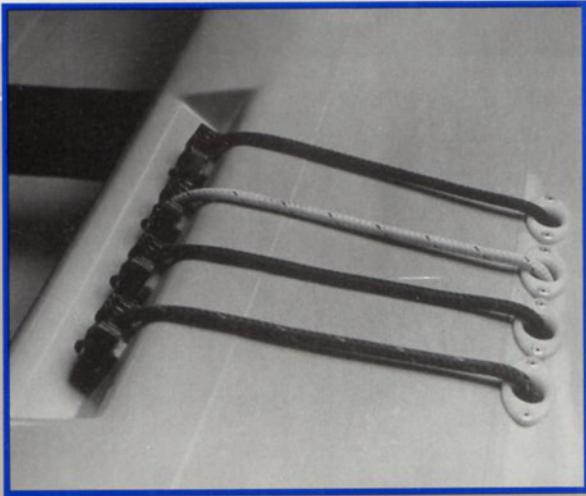
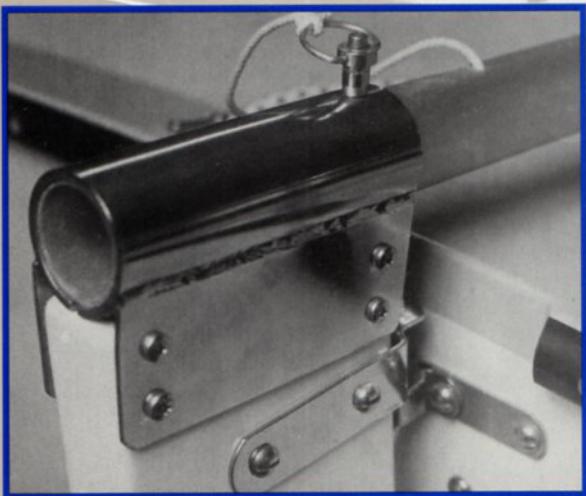
Mainsheet and centerboard pennant are centrally located and swivel mounted for access from any position.



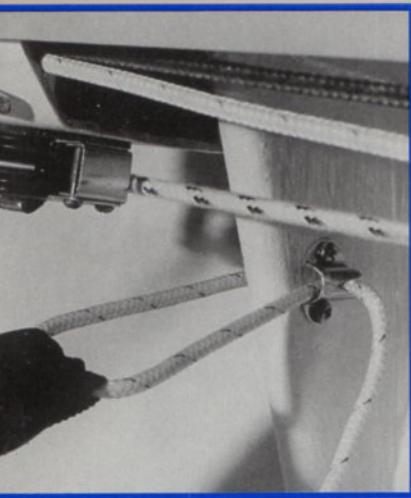
*each crew
adjusted from
underdeck*



*Rudder head
fitting—stainless steel, custom de-
signed, ensures reliability and posi-
tive response under all sailing
conditions.*



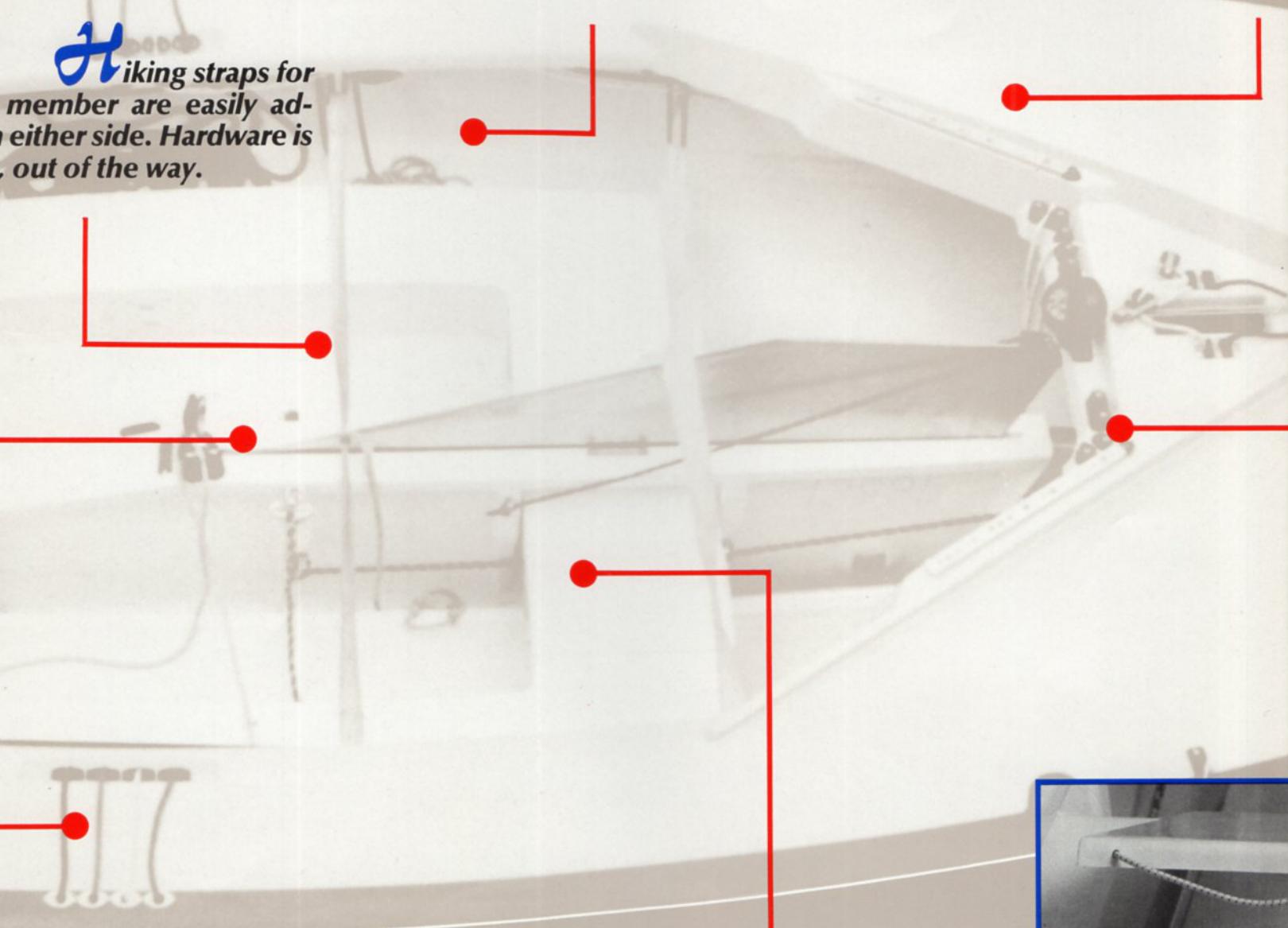
*backstay, traveler,
cunningham are re-
able ended for
comfort.*



Racheting spinaker sheet blocks are underdeck for convenience and a clean, uncluttered cockpit.

Hiking straps for member are easily adjustable on either side. Hardware is out of the way.

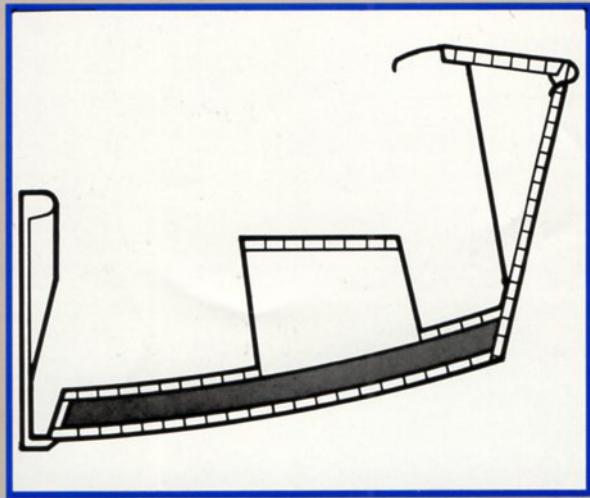
blocks and cam cleats on custom vertical jib cleats for confident adjustment under all sailing conditions and extreme hiking.



Side controls for boom vang and jib sheet are recessed and double-convolute for convenience and safety.

Seat compartments are built into both cross seats for convenient storage of gloves, sunglasses, stopwatch and other small items.

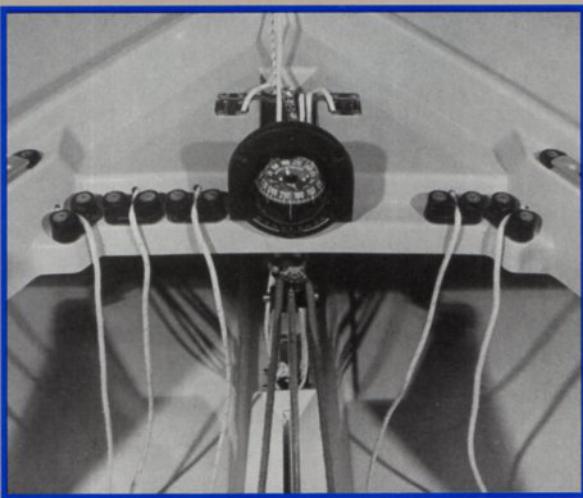
Harken jib sheet
blocks are mounted
in b cars to allow
for adjustment of jib sheets
in all conditions—even



Core construction
of highest quality and design pro-
vide maximum hull stiffness and
self-rescuing capability.

Fittings by Harken,
Racelite and Servo are used
throughout for maximum reliability
and durability.

Console controls
include barber haulers, jib uphaul,
jib cloth and topping lift. Optional
vertical compass or standard hori-
zontally mounted compass is also
located on the forward console.



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Whether you are new to Lightning sailing or a long time Lightning skipper, your decision to purchase a Nickels boat says that you demand the best. And the best is what Nickels delivers with every boat.



The Nickels commitment to provide you with superior quality and performance is a long standing tradition which started more than 40 years ago when Herm Nickels began building Lightnings. The 1959 North American Lightning champion, Herm, is still an active sailor.

The dedication to the Lightning spans three generations, with David and George now at the helm, and their sons actively involved. Quality is no accident at Nickels—it is an obsession!

Your decision to buy a Nickels Lightning also means a complete boat that is ready to race or daysail from the moment you take delivery—just add water and start enjoying sailing to its fullest.



The quality, performance and speed of Nickels Lightnings is proving itself for hundreds of current owners including North American and World Championship skippers. Why not join them with the confidence that you are buying the best there is?



The International Lightning Class Association was formed soon after Lightning #1 was launched in 1938, with the primary purpose to preserve the integrity of the boat and provide high quality competitive events and information for Lightning owners worldwide. It is one of the oldest and best organized class associations in yacht racing.

ILCA publishes Lightning Flashes, a monthly newsletter, an annual Year Book, and other materials for Lightning sailors. To get the most out of your new Lightning, we recommend joining ILCA. For more information contact:

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The International Lightning

Design: Sparkman & Stephens, 1938;
more than 14,000 built

Length overall:	19'0" (5.8 m)
Beam:	6'6" (2 m)
Displacement (all-up):	700 lb. (318 kg)
Draft (board up):	5" (12.8 cm)
(board down):	4'11" (151.3 cm)
Mast height:	26'2" (7.9 m)
Sail area (main + jib):	177 sq. ft.
(spinnaker):	300 sq. ft.
Construction:	Fiberglass or wood
Flotation (required):	Tanks or foam
Crew (racing):	3



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