# SEAS Basic Sailing Handout – Terms

## **Sailing Terms**

#### **Boat:**

Hull – Boat Structure

Deck – Horizontal Top

Gunwale – Joint Hull & Deck

Bow - Front End

Stern - Rear-end

Transom – Rear Vertical Part of Hull

Cockpit – Seating Area

Aft – Toward Stern

Forward – Toward Bow

Abeam, Amidships - Middle

Freeboard - Side Height

Starboard - Right Side (Green)

Port - Left Side (Red)

Rudder - Steering fin

Tiller - Rudder control

Keel - Fixed Fin

Centerboard - Rotating Fin

Daggerboard - Sliding Board Fin

# **Fixed Sailing Hardware:**

Mast - Vertical Pole(s)

Boom - Horizontal pole

# **Standing Rigging:**

Fore Stay - Forward support wire

Back Stay - Aft Support wire

Shrouds - Side Support wires

### Parts of Sail:

Luff - Front Edge

Leach - Back Edge

Foot - Bottom Edge

Tack - Bottom Front Corner

Head - Top Corner

Clew - Rear Bottom Corner

# Running Rigging (Adjustable Sailing Lines):

Halyards - Pull Sails Up (Main & Jib) Sheets - Adjust Sail Angle (Main & Jib)

Adjust Sail Shape

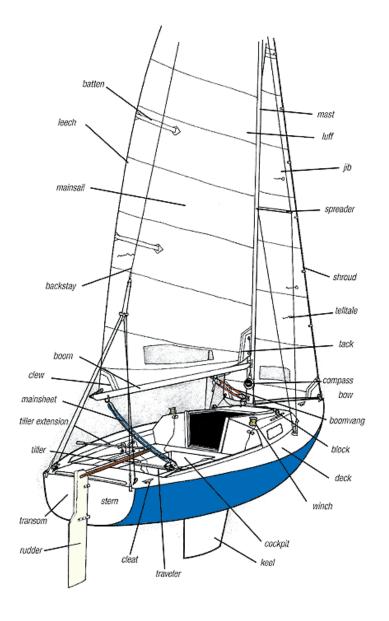
Out Haul - Tension Foot of Sail

Cunningham - Tension Luff of Sail

Boom Vang – Pull Boom Down (Flatten Sail)

## **Wind Direction:**

Described as Direction Wind is coming from or source of wind Side of Boat Wind passes over first (side wind is coming from) "Windward" Opposite Side (side wind is blowing toward) "Leeward" (Sails on Leeward Side)



Starboard (Top View) Bow Stern Port Gunwhale Jib Sail Jib Clew - Jib Foot Bow . Centre Board / Dagger Board Forestay (Headstay) Jib Halyard Jib Head | Jib | Sheet | Hull Main Halyard\_ Main Luff Main Head. Main Tack Shroud Main Sheet Main Foot Batten Pocket Main Sail. Main Leech Main Clew Reinforcing Patch Rudder T⊞er Boom Transom

Parts of a Sailboat