

Learn To Sail A Schooner No 5

Sailing Away From A Quay – Wind Aft

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Sailing off a quay requires careful timing.

All the crew need to know exactly what their specific role is going to be and are well briefed beforehand so they understand what is about to happen.

Once the operation is started things happen quite quickly.

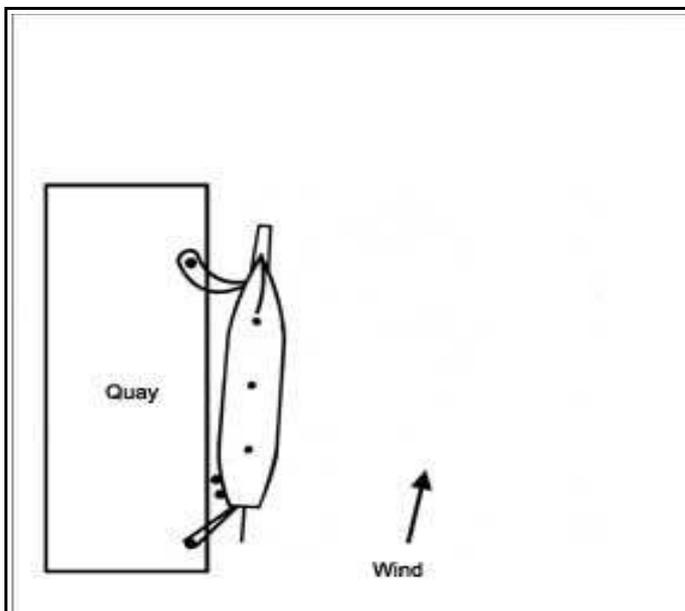
Preparing to sail

The aim here is to get the boat away from the quay, turned, on the wind, with the sails drawing and ready to tack in the shortest possible time - before we reach the other side of the fjord opposite the quay.

The wind is blowing slightly off the quay from aft.

Slip lines been rigged and are ready to let go from onboard.

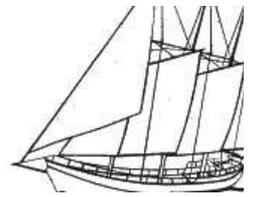
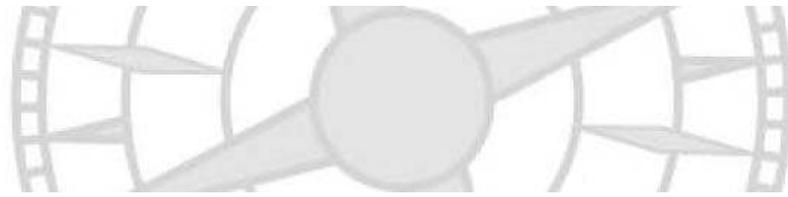
All the sails have been prepared and are ready to hoist.



Box One

The staysail is hoisted sheeted amidships which acts like a weather cock to swing the boat in line with the wind.

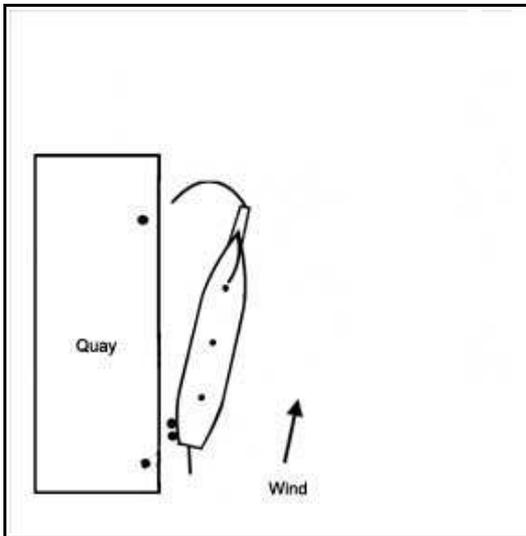
The forward slip line is released and as the boat tries to move ahead with the force of the wind the stern is swung in causing the bows to swing out.



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Box Two

As the boat comes in line with the wind the jib is hoisted and the stern line is slipped.

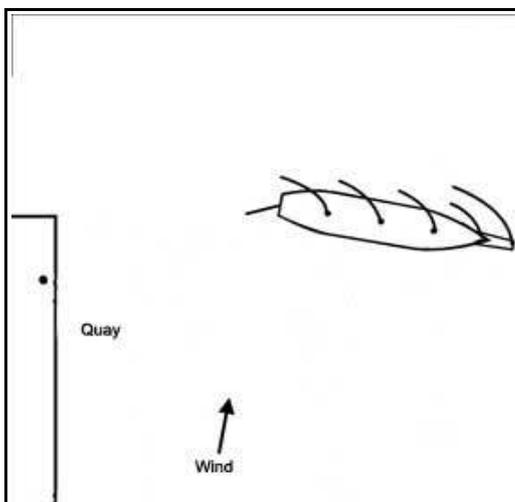
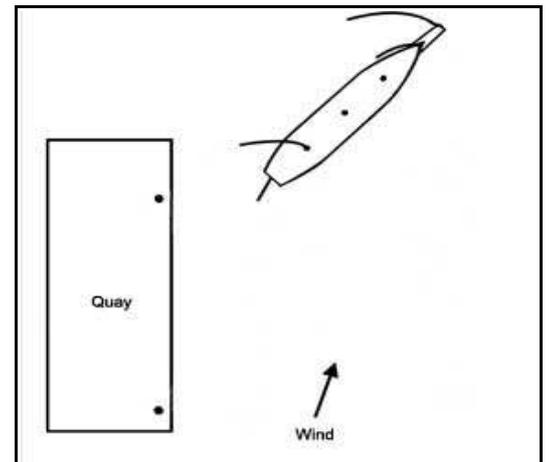
Trinovante begins to gather way before the momentum of the swing is lost.

Box Three

As the stern comes clear of the quay the peak of the mizzen is hoisted.

This allows the wind to push the stern round accelerating the turn.

As soon as possible the crew get the rest of the mizzen up.



Box Four

The fore sail and main sail are now hoisted and the crew progressively sheet all the sails in until Trinovante comes round onto a close hauled heading.

The crew go straight to their tacking stations.

Once Trinovante has enough way on we can tack and start to beat out of the fjord.

