

## Squib Barber Haulers by Toby Taylor

Having retired from Engineering Research thought I would reveal some of my anorak tendencies expressed in terms of the details gathered on Squibs via my digital camera and details from articles of squib experts on certain critical parts of the Squib hardware. This one being on Barber Haulers.

Unlike most dinghies which control the jib tacks fore and aft position via a fairlead which is usually located on a track by a pegged location device. The original Squib had such a set up but a certain Salty Seadog controversially fitted the first crude but effective barber hauler on a Squib in the early eighties to "Wollow" 82-83 National Champions. I have not as yet to found any Squib using the original jib track system.

So why a Barber Hauler ?It allows the jib tack to be positioned not just fore and aft but also laterally which for a fixed tension on the leach you can also adjust simultaneously the jibs slot width. Why? The Squib sails as well with slack rig tension in a breeze as with tighter tension in light airs. This means that to optimise your jib set position it has to be set for different windspeeds and wave conditions. Ugh!

Keeping it simple , the barber hauler rope has to be marked as does the jib sheet for the optimum "best" position for the known conditions. Assuming you have noted the rigs rake and everything you can think of which affects the rigs position foot, gate, inners etc and where you sit / lean out !No seaweed on hull and your sails are in reasonable nick. You have the basis for 20 years research in making this boat go upwind. Advice take close note of deck markings on Banshee –Salty systems

Finally I pay tribute to Salty who by introducing this device made sailing the Squib more challenging simply by allowing freedom to put the device anywhere on the cockpit. Other than Saltys own fitted out squibs below right I have recorded 36 as many barber hauler systems as there are squibs. The best so far is BANSHEE left

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**Tweaking a Squib by Tony Saltonstall with Wollow Nat. Champs 82-83**

