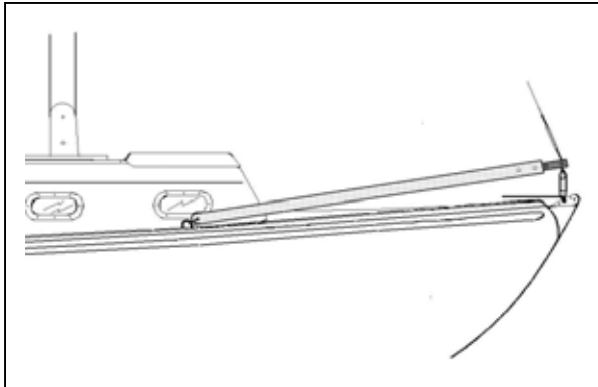
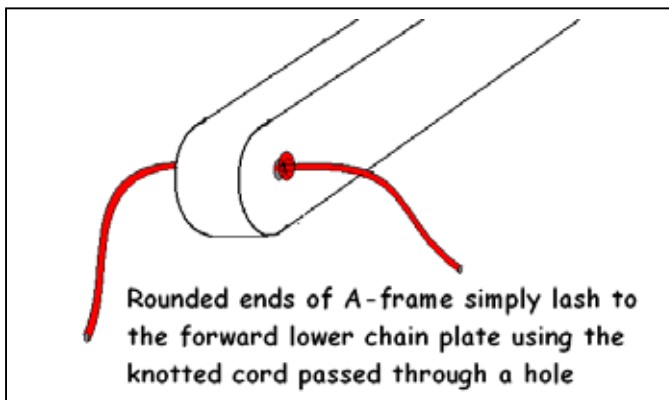
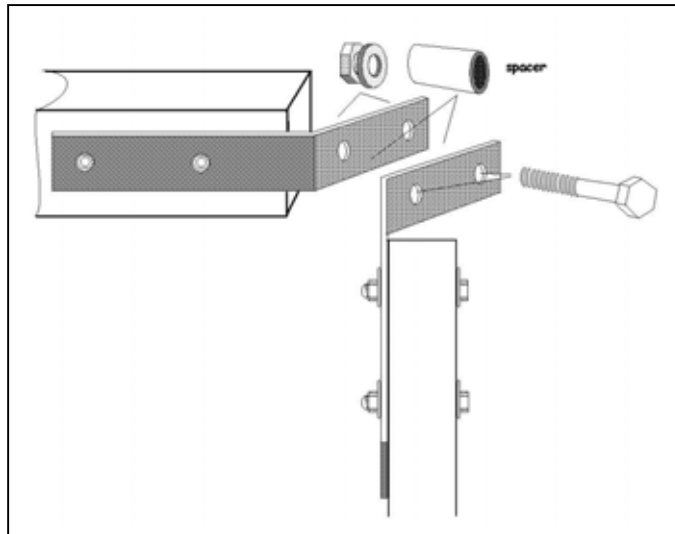


Crude (but cheap) mast raising gear



From Wickes builders merchants, I bought two 2.1m lengths of carcassing timber (about 3" x 1.5"). It is reasonably cheap and pleasant to handle because it has rounded edges. I also bought a length of the galvanised pierced steel strip they sell (I think to attach walls to roof timbers to stop roofs blowing away). I rounded-off one end of the

timbers and drilled a hole to put a piece of 5mm rope through each. Knots both sides stop the ropes passing through. These lashings hold each leg of the A-frame against the forward lower chain plates. To join the A-frame, I bolted lengths of the steel strip to the apex. These are bent to give a parallel section that can be bolted together with a spacer to enable things to be attached to the apex. Then its just a matter of attaching the jib



halyard to the top and the mainsheet from the bottom to the stemhead.

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