

## How to Engage the Hyfield Lever

When you get the forestay back to the lever, decide which hole in the lever you want to pin it to. This allows you to crudely adjust the tension of the forestay.

Then, clevis pin the forestay in the Hyfield lever slot at the hole you select. It should fit between the 2 metal pieces of the lever. Next, pull the lever toward the cockpit and up. Once it's in the horizontal position, use the U-pin (see graphic) that hangs from the underside of the deck and holds the Hyfield lever in the "locked" position.

**Warning!** Always have someone supporting the mast while you're fiddling around below deck! If the lever slips out of your hands, the mast will drop like a redwood and probably pull out most of the deck with it.

When setting it up the boat solo, pin the base of the mast into the mast step, walk the mast up, and secure it with a line running from the mast support on your trailer. This holds the mast upright while you monkey with the Hyfield lever below deck.

