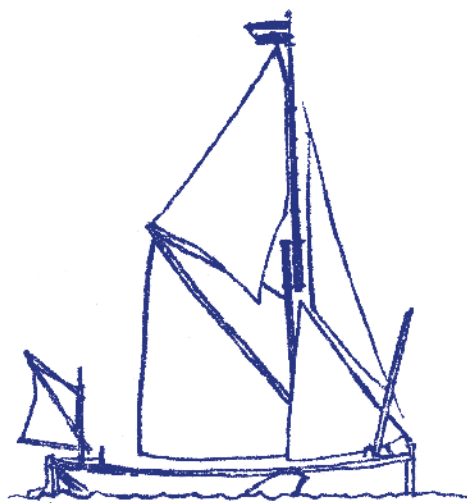


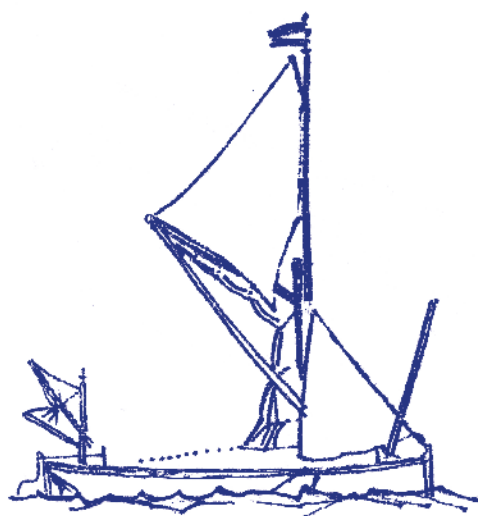
# Reducing Sail

In a river or at sea



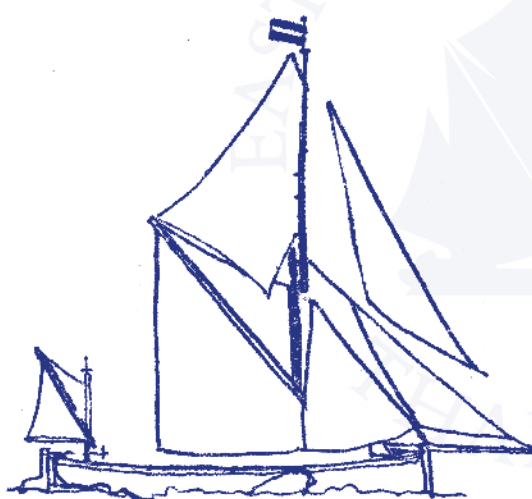
## In the river; sails set

Mizzen, main, topsail, foresail and staysail.  
The bowsprit is raised up.



## In the river; sails reduced

The topsail and foresail remain set, the mainsail is brailed, the staysail taken in and the mizzen stowed.



## At sea; sails set

Topsail, Mizzen, Main, Foresail, Bowsprit Jib, Flying Jib



## At sea; sails reduced

Sailplan is kept low; the topsail is 'rucked', flying jib topsail taken in, and the mizzen stowed. The mainsail is partly brailed.

## Boom and Gaff Advantage

*Thalatta* was originally designed to be a 'boomie' – a barge with a boom and gaff mainsail instead of a sprit. This style of rig has an advantage over the traditional Thames barge spritsail in heavy weather as the mainsail can be easily reduced in size by reefing. The gaff is dropped to the desired height and the excess sail is tied to the boom with reef knots.

