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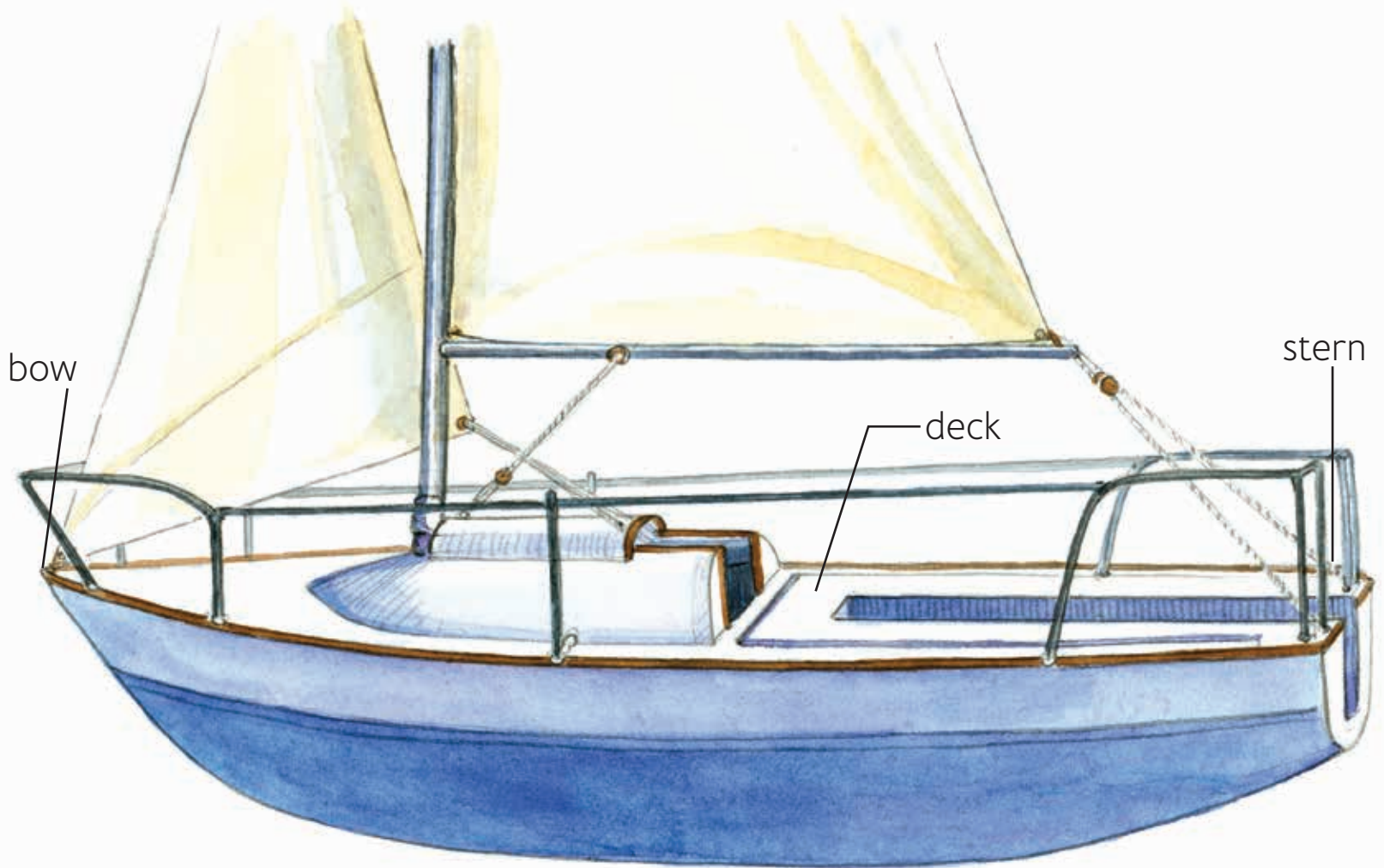
# What Is a Sailboat?



Sailboats go with the **aid** of the wind.  
They sail on a bay or on the sea.

The front of a sailboat is the bow. The back of a sailboat is the stern.

The deck is on top, where you can walk. Watch out! If the boat tips, you could slip!



## Who Works on a Sailboat?



Some sailboats are little, like this boat.  
It needs a **crew** of one.





Other boats are bigger, like this boat. It is a sloop. Many people crew the sloop. Children can help **crew a sailboat**, too.

# Parts of a Sailboat

The biggest sail is the mainsail. The little sail is the jib. The mast and the boom keep the mainsail up.

A good crew talks to each other as they sail. They tell each other what they are doing.



mast

mainsail

boom

jib



This sailboat has a cabin. This is a little room under the deck. Not many people can fit in the cabin because it is so little.



Children and others in the crew can **snooze** in the cabin. They can cook food in the cabin, too.

# When to Sail



The best days for sailing are days when the wind blows.



If the wind is too slow, the crew may have to row.



But if the wind howls too hard, water splashes into the sailboat. The crew gets soaked. Then the crew has to **bail out the water**.





Sailing a boat can be a lot of work, so everyone has to help!

# Glossary

**aid:** help

**bail out the water:** throw water out with a pail

**crew:** people who sail a boat

**crew a sailboat:** sail a sailboat

**snooze:** nap





