## **Support for Mast & Spars**

By Richard Pottinger, Shrimper 434 (Black Swan) (Spring 2009)

One or two Poole owners, frustrated by the perennial problem of how to stow the mast and spars when trailing the Shrimper or during winter storage, have come up with an answer. A local carpenter has produced a set of wooden supports which are moulded to the shape and size of the mast. Once the mast is down, one support is secured at the aft end and the other just aft of the tabernacle. Once in place, the boom and gaff can be laid either side of the mast, plus for winter storage there is a slot for the furling gear. It is a very secure arrangement for towing and an advantage in the winter is that access to the cabin is easier. The photo gives you an idea of the system.

The cost of a pair of supports for mast & spars - £72.00 (including VAT, postage and packing). If collected from Post Cottage, Holt, Dorset, the price is £65.00 Please contact me if you are interested. Email: richard@repakp.co.uk

