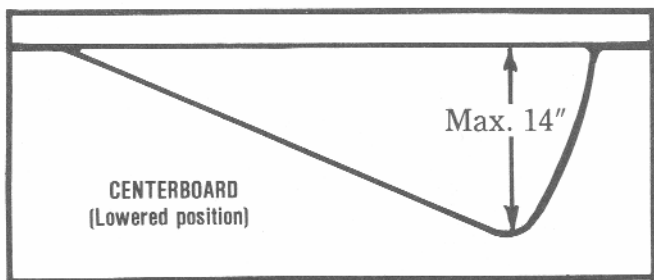


XII. Centerboards

The centerboard system (Patent Pending), which has already been installed in each hull, is a revolutionary design made easy to operate. The centerboards are spring loaded for ease of adjustment. Note the small handle exiting the deck from atop the centerboard well. The board is held in the fully "up" position by the figure-eight knot in the line. It may be desirable to install a small stainless steel washer between the top figure-eight knot and the centerboard handle. When the handle is lifted slightly and moved forward, the tension is released and the board is free to drop into the fully extended position.

Most sailors prefer to place several knots at different locations along the line to allow for centerboard adjustment. Several adjustment knots can be placed in the line at one time to permit the boards to extend to a variety of depths. **When the board is fully extended it should reach 14 inches as measured from the bottom of the hull to the tip of the board.** Most sailors like at least one other



Board removal - Untie handle. Add extension line and lower board from hull. Spring becomes free by lowering board fully out of the hull. Unhook board from pivot.

Board / Spring replacement -Tie line to board. Hook board to pivot. Insert spring into recess just above pivot. Raise board with line capturing spring. Adjust line length as in item above.

knot to make for a seven-inch extension. To raise the board, just pull upon the handle and slide the line into the cleat just below the last figure-eight knot. The removable spring is shown with the board in Figure 38. To remove

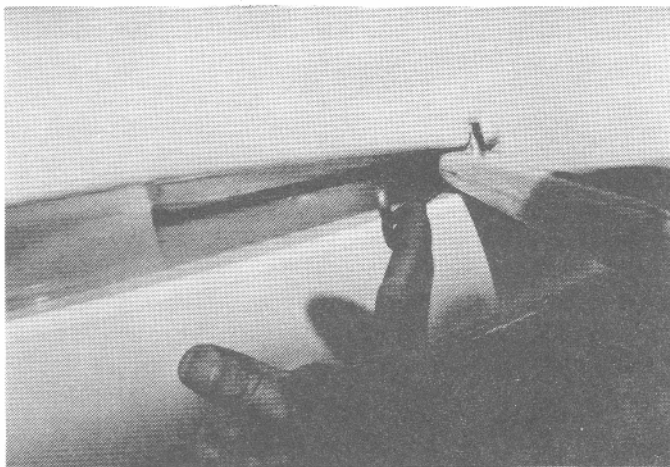


Fig. 38

the board, untie the knots that exit thru the deck and slowly release.

The boards then can be removed by unhooking them from the bar in the board well. The spring can be removed by itself once the board is lowered out of the well approximately 16 inches.

