

sail yard, upper and lower main top-sail yard, and upper and lower mizen top-sail yard, thus dividing each top-sail in two, as it were and making them easier to handle in gales of wind, for by lowering the upper top-sails down, and furling them, we have the ship at once under close-reefed top-sails and they are always or ought to be of the very best canvas, especially near the land in a heavy gale of wind; the upper top-sails can of course be reefed as the gale increases, before being furled.

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