Over the course of this interview, we discussed a number of different things, involving different categories on the boat. The main reason for the meeting was to familiarize group members with different components of sailing boats, in order to better understand the problems at hand.

**Propulsion:**
The boat is propelled by two sails: a mainsail, and a jib. The mainsail is hoisted into place manually, and makes a triangle between the mast and the boom, which is a horizontal support coming 90 degrees off of the mast, but is allowed to pivot depending on wind conditions.

Wind conditions that require pivoting can mean that the mast had to switch orientations. In order to do this, the boom need to travel across the deck and to the other side of the deck. The boom is then held in place by the traveler, which is a small cart with ropes attached to a cross-beam that is allowed to slide horizontally, and in doing so help constrain the motion of the boom and the mainsail.

The jib also switches from side to side, but lacks any sort of boom. Also, when the ship is flying downwind and requires as much sail as possible, the can use a whisker pole (a small aluminum rope to grab the jib and keep it fully extended.)

Sails are frequently carried on board, and changed basically depending upon local weather.

**Steering:**
The tiller is controlled from the rear of the boat, but would be difficult to control even without a disability hampering movements. Richard’s chair is a good solution to this obstacle.

There is an extension placed on the tiller to allow someone to lean far out on the highside while still controlling the boat. This would be extremely difficult to handle given physical disabilities or difficulties with coordination.

**Entrance/Egress:**
Even as an able-bodied person, entrance and egress from the boat was challenging. The dock was extremely narrow, so narrow that I was worried about possibly falling into the river. Also, it was way too narrow for a wheelchair.

The boat itself is very small, such that small movements are magnified greatly by the rocking motion of the boat. I can see that getting people into and out of the boat would be a huge challenge. Holding the boat stationary would be challenging, due to the different heights of water levels due to tides or rainfall or what have you.

Any crane would need to be very lightweight, and very small, while still maintaining a safe CoG. Packaging would be challenging given the size of different dock setups.