

It was a nice evening sail—my GPS said I maxed out at 5.4 knots. Although we got a break from the heat this last weekend, it is still relatively warm, so I mostly just reached back and forth across Lake Ray Hubbard to take advantage of the breeze (no need to run until it really cools off).

I'm happy with the tiller pilot. If I raise the center board to balance the helm as the wind increases, this installation works well. Mounting everything further aft (per the documentation) would allow me to delay raising the center board. However, there is not much room to mount this further aft without restricting the travel of the tiller when hand steering. This setup allows me to more gracefully set/strike sail, AND lets me adjust the stereo and take pictures in a leisurely manner!



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