**‘Sailmaker’ summary Act 1 page 6 -32**

P6-8:

* Alec’s mum is dead
* Alec is quite deep (he is talking about god)
* Davie (the dad) seems to be acting fine (cleaning, make dinner and tea, trying to keep busy). However, he is clearly upset but is trying to remain strong for his son (Alec)
* We are told about the funeral, however, there are not any details about it.

Pg 8-14: Ian and Alec discuss a range of things

* They like to sing songs together (shows us that they are very close friends as well as being cousins).
* Both are big Rangers fans
* Alec has a toy yacht and he wants his dad to fix it. This then leads us to find out about his dad’s profession.
* His mum used to work in a bakery
* Alec has many interests
* His favourite colour is blue
* Relations in America send them comic books
* His dad is not good at cooking – this is a problem as the mother has passed away so he still has to provide food for his son. This often means that they have fast food.
* Ian’s dad is a painter, Ian hopes to be a painter, people think a trade is a good thing.
* We find out their views on Catholics as they are Protestants

P16-17: Alec and Davie talk about his drinking and gambling

* Davie drinks and gambles
* Alec doesn’t like the bookie, Davie tells him to go regardless
* Davie doesn’t like his current job
* He got paid off from being a Sailmaker

P18-19: Alec and Ian talk about the Boogie/Bogie man

* Alec does not like the bookie.
* They like to play football together and neither of them like Celtic
* They have a very strong relationship where they play football together and they can share embarrassing incidents from their childhood.

Bottom p19-23: Davie and Billy

* Davie owes the bookie money.
* Billy is quite caring as he tries to fix the boat for Alec and tries to help Davie get out of the mess he is in.
* Billy is quite a caring uncle and brother.
* Billy takes the yacht to paint it straight away whereas Davie keeps putting it off.
* We learn that Alec is very intelligent.
* Billy thinks that Alec would get on better in life if Davie would take more control of his life and be more sensible.
* We learn that Davie is really not coping with the death of his wife.

Bottom p23 -25: Ian and Alec discuss leaving school and living their dreams

* This section highlights the theme of dreams vs reality. They discuss going to America, becoming cannibals, going to India or Africa – all of which are simply dreams.

Bottom p25 – 28: Billy returns the yacht to Alec

* The theme of religion/sectarianism is explored here when Billy, Davie and Alec discuss colours.
* Davie shows his intelligence and sophistication in this section as he belittles the stereotypical views of Billy.
* Davie reads Charles Dickens which is considered to be sophisticated and quite difficult to read. This highlights that he is actually quite intelligent.

P28 -30

* P28 – Davie is beaten
* Billy, Davie, Ian and Alec discuss the recent football match.

P30-33

* Ian and Alec: they are discussing football and using their imagination (dreams vs. reality)
* Davie is sacked from his job because the tickman business isn’t doing well and the final straw was Davie being beaten and mugged.
* Billy offers to get Davie a job at his place of work.

**Sailmaker summary Act 2 – Page 33-64**

p33-35: Davie and Alec discuss Alec’s religious events

* Alec attends a church frequently.
* We find out that the mirror is broken and they cannot even afford to fix it.
* Davie was part of the Boy’s Brigade when he was younger.
* Davie hopes that Alec gets a decent job where he never has to take his ‘jacket off’.
* Davie doesn’t go to church, however, he can recite sections of scripture.

p36-40: Ian and Alec discuss Alec’s religious events and Alec speaks at length on religion

* Ian doesn’t agree with what Alec is doing. He thinks that it is a waste of time and wishes he would play football with him instead.
* Alec goes to a church event and meets an African couple. At the mission a woman asks him when Jesus entered his life, Alec runs away and is unable to answer the question.
* This suggests that Alec is not actually that religious. He has learned the facts that the minister has taught him. It becomes clear that Alec wanted to attend the meetings and be a part of a group. He wanted to try and create a stable family group. This is quite similar to Davie’s attitude to religion.
* Davie doesn’t seem bothered that Alec returns early from the church event.
* Page 36 there is a change in Alec’s language (why?)
* When he returns home Davie mentions that he used to box. Alec then states that he might like to be a part of a boxing club. This indicates that Alec is desperate to be a part of a group, any group. He also states that he would like to learn some self-defence.

p40-41

* Benny Lynch had to box to get out of poverty. Davie states Alec will get out by using his brains.
* Alec sits his exam but finds it too difficult. He has far too much going on in his head and everything becomes muddled.
* He meets Ian outside and states that he has clearly failed the exam.
* Ian states that it doesn’t matter as the school he wanted to attend was going to be full of snobs anyway.

Bottom p41-48

* P42-Alec gets his exam results
* P42 – Davie and Alec discuss the financial implications of the new school. Davie states that he will find some way to solve the problem.
* P42-43 – Ian and Alec discuss the new school. Ian states that he would hate to be in education when he was 17 or 18. He wants to leave and become a painter like his dad. He also states that his dad might be redundant soon which will require Ian and Billy to move house.

p48-51

* Ian is considering joining the army.
* Billy states that when Davie was younger he had a business head. He had planned to rear poultry as there was an egg ration after the war – Billy was too afraid though.
* Ian and Billy are working together as painters.
* Ian and Billy are struggling financially – they are doing overtime and they are eating spam sandwiches.

P51-64

* Davie was very intelligent when he was Alec’s age. We know this as he used to read a lot of books by Charles Dickens.
* Alec is getting annoyed with Davie as Davie is always getting drunk. He spent some of the bursary money gambling rather than on the electricity.
* Davie asks Alec if there is any food and Alec states that there is nothing, not even bread. This suggests that they are living in extreme poverty.
* P58, we find out that the bookie that had Davie beaten up is doing really well for himself - he has managed to get another two shops.
* At the end of the play things are looking up for Alec. He is heading off to university and is escaping the poverty cycle he was in. His father, however, is struggling to pay his bills and is about to be relocated due to this. He is unable to pay for electricity or heating or food. They end up burning items from the Glory Hole to try and keep themselves warm. There are many symbolic items burned such as the yacht and sailmaking tools. It is clear that part of Davie’s life is well and truly over.