

bowsprit (flagpole)

In the boat form of cyclohexane and related structures there are two ring atoms lying out of the plane of the other four; exocyclic bonds to these two atoms pointing in a direction roughly parallel to that plane are called bowsprit, the other two are called flagpole.



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