

Knots you need to know.

Many are available online from Animated Knots. <http://www.animatedknots.com>

Bowline:

It is used to create a loop in a line that will not tighten up on an object.

We use the bowline to tie a halyard to the mainsail and to tie the bowline (painter) to a piling or to the bow eye on the boat.

Advantage:

Very secure, will not loosen over time.

It is very easy to remove even if it has been in the line for a long time.

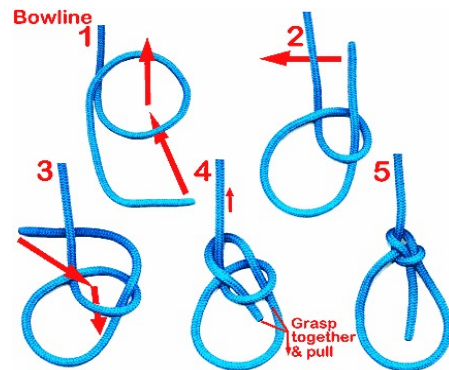


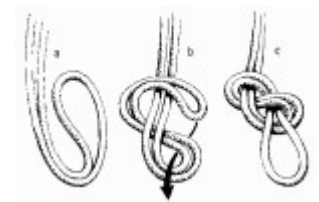
Figure Eight Knot:

The figure eight knot is used to either join two lines together or in some cases to create a "stopper" knot in a line. It can also be used to create a loop in the middle of a line.

We use it mostly for a stopper knot in the jib sheets.

Advantage:

It is very easy to make and easy to remove even if it has been on the line for a long time.



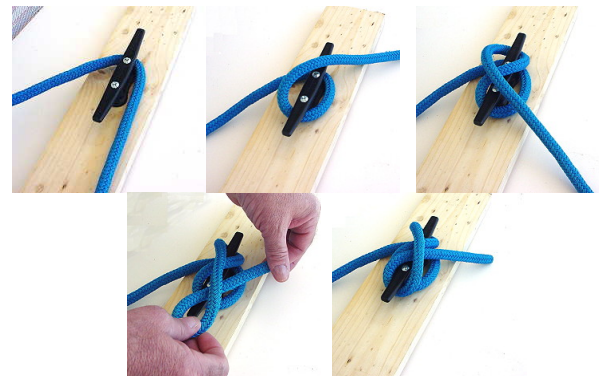
Cleat Hitch:

The cleat hitch is used any time you are securing a line to a cleat.

We use it for securing halyards and for tying a bowline of a boat to a dock that has a cleat.

Advantage:

Easy to form and very secure if done properly



Taught Line Hitch:

This knot is used to create an adjustable loop in a line.

We use this to tie down the boats to the cradles. It is also used for tying down tarps, tents, or when tying down a boat on a trailer.

Advantages:

Very easy to form and provides adjustments. Easy to remove.

