

Six Knots to Know

Side 1: Figure Eight, Two Half Hitches, Bowline

Knowing how to tie a few basic knots is essential to a sailor's security.

On this card you'll find simplified instructions for tying a few of the most commonly used knots. But remember – how well the knot performs depends on you. So be careful to choose the right one and tie it properly.

Something else that's essential to a sailor's security is the proper insurance coverage. INAMAR Recreational Marine Insurance has comprehensive insurance policies available for all types of pleasure boats – from the smallest to the largest. If you're not covered by INAMAR, perhaps you should be.

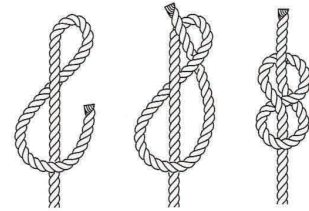
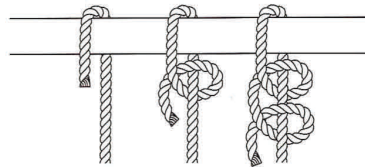
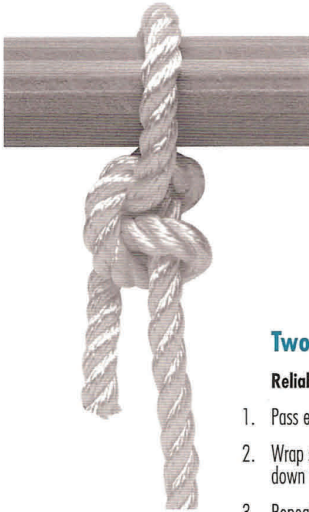


Figure Eight

Ideal knot to keep the end of a rope from running out of a tackle or pulley.

1. Make underhand loop, bringing end around and over the standing part.
2. Pass end under, then up through the loop.
3. Draw up tight.



Two Half Hitches

Reliable...quickly tied...the hitch most often used in mooring.

1. Pass end of rope around post or other object.
2. Wrap short end of rope under and over long part of rope, pushing the end down through the loop. This is a half hitch.
3. Repeat on long rope below first half hitch and draw up tight.



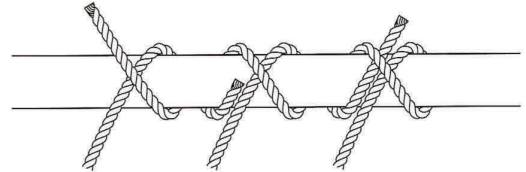
Bowline

The "King of Knots" ...never jams or slips when tied properly.

1. Make overhand loop with the end held toward you, then pass end through loop.
2. Now pass end up behind the standing part, then down through loop again.
3. Draw up tight.

Six Knots to Know

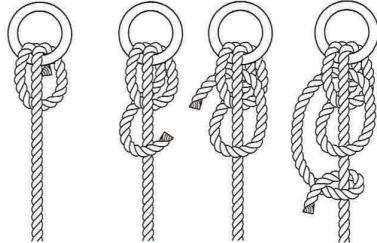
Side 2: Clove Hitch, Anchor Bend, Square Knot



Clove Hitch

The general utility hitch ashore...whenever you want a quick, simple method of fastening a rope around a post, spar or stake.

1. Make a turn with the rope around the object and over itself.
2. Take a second turn around the object.
3. Pull the end up under the second turn so it is between the rope and the object. Tighten by pulling on both ends.



Anchor Bend

Used to secure a rope to a buoy or a line to an anchor.

1. Pass two loops through ring.
2. Place free end around standing line.
3. Pass free end through loops.
4. Complete by making half hitch.



Square Knot

Used at sea in reefing and furling sails.

1. Pass left end over and under right end. Curve what is now the left end toward the right. Cross what is now the right end over and under the left.
2. Draw up tight.