

Boating Knots you MUST Know

 <p>FIGURE 8 KNOT</p>	<p>The Figure 8 is a stopper knot. It is used to prevent the end of the rope from sliding through a pulley.</p>
 <p>SQUARE KNOT</p>	<p>The Square Knot or Reef Knot is used to join two rope of equal size.</p>
 <p>SHEET BEND</p>	<p>The Sheet Bend is used to join two ropes of unequal size. The BLUE rope being the thicker diameter rope and the RED being the thinner diameter rope.</p>
 <p>CLEAT HITCH (HALYARD)</p>	<p>The Cleat Hitch (Halyard) is used to secure a rope to a cleat on the dock or on the boat</p> <p>Halyard Saying: 2 Rivers and a Bridge.</p>
 <p>CLEAT HITCH (DOCK LINE)</p>	<p>The Cleat Hitch (Dock Line) is used to secure a rope to a cleat on the dock. It differs from the Halyard in that there is not a "Locking Hitch". It is simply a series of figure 8s.</p>
 <p>BOWLINE KNOT</p>	<p>The Bowline is used to make a loop at the end of a rope that will not slip.</p> <p>Bowline Saying: Rabbit comes out of the hole, around the tree and back into the hole.</p>
 <p>ROUND TURN & HITCHES</p>	<p>The Round Turn with Two Half Hitches is used to secure a rope to a post or a ring.</p>



CLOVE HITCH (ROPE END)

Simple all purpose knot for tying fenders to boat rails. Easy to tie but can come loose or slip over time.

Other Useful Knots to know



IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

Improved Clinch is the most widely used fishing knot for hooks, lures & swivels.

Not recommended for heavy line or braid



PALOMAR KNOT

The Palomar knot is considered the BEST knot in fishing for attaching line to lures, hooks and swivels.

It is the best knot for braided line and braided downrigger line.



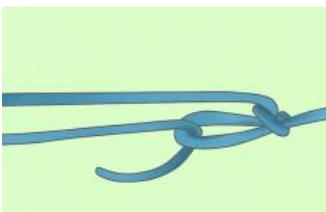
NAIL KNOT

The Nail Knot is used to join 2 lines together such as your backing to your fly line or mono line on a reel.



SURGEON'S JOIN KNOT

The Surgeon's Knot, or Surgeon's Join, is easy to tie and is useful to join two fishing lines of moderately unequal size, e.g., a tippet to a leader.



TRUCKER'S HITCH

A Truckers Hitch is very handy to lash/tie things down. IE a canoe to roof racks, material in the back of a truck, a tarp to pegs in the ground. It can be easily untied.

Saying: Make the initial loop by turning the car key.