

Cleat and Wharf Ties

The everyday sailor's way of belaying a line to a cleat with simple figure-eight turns.

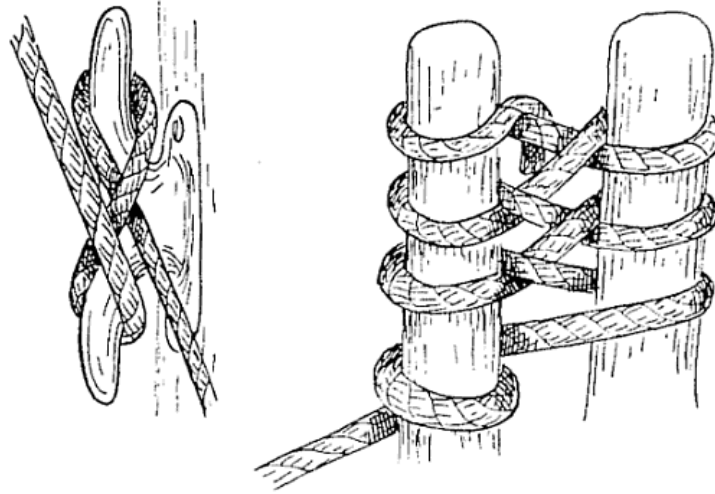


FIG. 57.—Cleat and wharf ties.

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"A turn round the base, then cross over and under the horns — a tidy figure-eight."

1

Take a turn around the base

Lead the line under and around the base of the cleat (or the spile) to take the first strain.

2

Cross the horns in a figure-eight

Carry the line over the top and under each horn in turn, making figure-eight turns across the cleat.

3

Finish snug

Lay the final turns down tight. A slight pull holds, a little slack lets you cast off, tighten, or pay out.

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