

Gaff-Topsail Halyard Bend

A neat halyard bend for a yard - three turns woven so it never shakes loose.

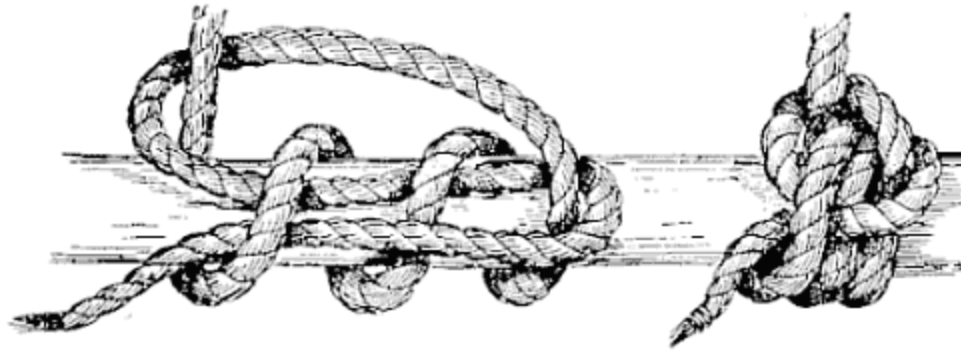


FIG. 54.—Gaff-topsail halyard bend.

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"Two turns, up on the third, over and tuck - a halyard bend that won't come unstuck."

1

Take two turns

Pass the rope's end twice around the yard, side by side.

2

Come up on a third turn

Lead the end up and across, laying a third turn over the top of the first two turns.

3

Cross over its own part

Carry the end over its own standing part and across one of the turns.

4

Tuck under the first turn

Stick the end under that first turn and draw the whole bend snug and flat.

Practise until your fingers remember it. — Widow Maker · wmc.penguinboisoftware.com · a PenguinBoi Network show