

Studding-Sail Bend

An old shipboard tie for making a spar fast - simple turns that hold under a steady pull.



FIG. 50.—Studding-sail bend.

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"Round the spar, hitch and tuck - the studding-sail bend stays stuck."

1

Turn around the spar

Pass the rope's end around the spar or yard to take your first turn.

2

Take a half-hitch

Bring the end around the standing part and tuck it to form a half-hitch, as the figure shows.

3

Lock the end

Lead the end back under the turn so the pull of the standing part pinches it fast.

4

Draw it taut

Snug everything down. It holds a spar under steady strain yet casts off readily when slack.

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