

Waterman's Knot

Two clove hitches a boatman holds by hand - a firm grip that eases off on cue.

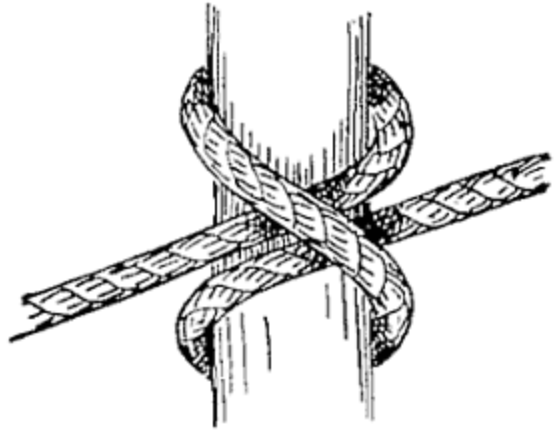


FIG. 55.—Waterman's knot.

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"Two clove hitches and a hand - pull to hold, slack to slip."

1

Take a clove hitch

Pass the rope around the spile or post and tie a clove hitch.

2

Add a second hitch

Make another clove hitch alongside the first, as Verrill arranges them in the figure.

3

Hold the free end

Keep the loose end in hand rather than seizing it - the hitches are held by your grip.

4

Pull to hold, slack to slip

A pull on the end locks the hitches fast; a little slack lets the rope ease through without giving way.

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