



JYC Newsletter - March 2018

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April's Almost Here!

And JYC is ready to set sail. No foolin.

Greetings Sailors!!!

Spring is finally here! I hope you can join us at Sailboat Cove this Saturday (March 24th) for the annual Burning of the Socks celebration. Chris and Jennifer Moran will be hosting and are providing Frogmore for dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to add to the feast.

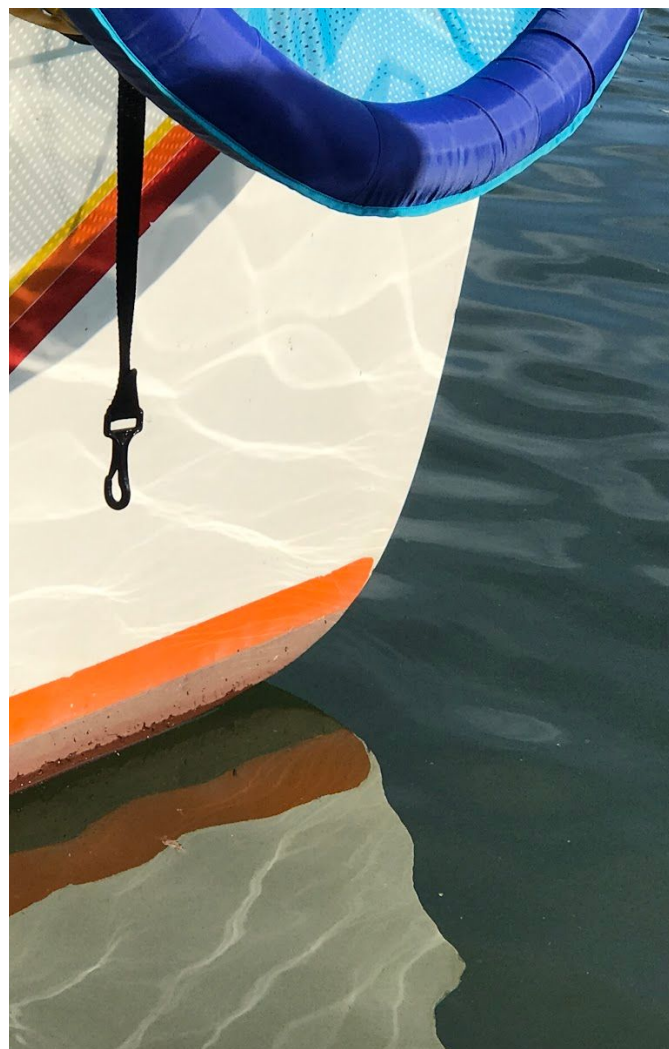
If you missed last months meeting, we made what I believe are some positive change to the bylaws. The club is now officially Jacomo Yacht Club. We also added a new officer position, Rear Commodore. The rear commodore will be in charge of on the water activities. We will be taking nominations and voting on the first ever JYC rear commodore at the meeting on Saturday.

SOMETHING NEW Remember to *check in* with Mercedes Lentz, Treasurer for your nametag at each monthly meeting.

HOSTS NEEDED There are still lots of opportunities on the calendar for hosting a club party. Email Ann Helder, Secretary, to save your date.

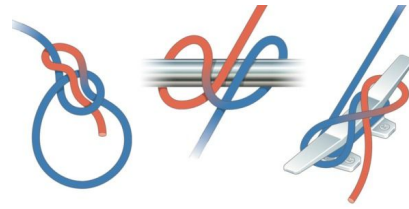
See you all on Saturday. Let's burn some socks!

Nate King
Commodore



How to Tie 3 Important Sailing Knots

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April 3, 2013



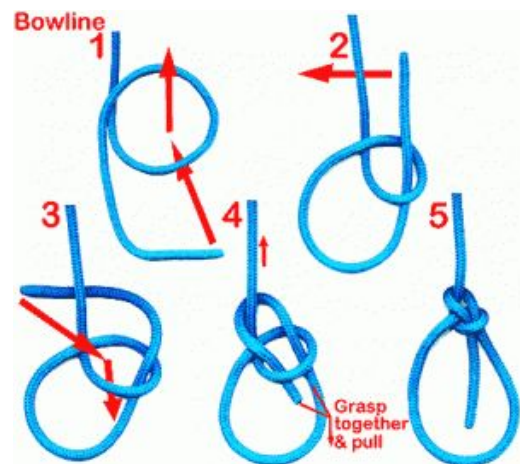
There are as many sailing knots as there are stars in the night sky – or so it seems. But the reality is that most sailors can get along with only knowing a few, as long as they're the right ones. In this blog I'll single out three very important sailing knots, explaining what they're used for and how to tie them. Don't forget, it's necessary to practice these in order to get them down. Your fingers need the tactile learning experience in order to develop muscle memory that will allow you to tie them quickly when you need to!

Knowing these basic knots will make you more useful as a sailing companion. Next time you go out sailing with a friend, take a charter, or join a flotilla, you'll feel more comfortable helping out around the boat when it's time to put fenders out, tie up to the dock, or make a line fast.

So, read about the knots here, and practice with any old piece of rope you have handy. (A synthetic rope like the ones used on sailboats works best!) Then sign up for an ASA sailing course to get hands-on practice.

1. Bowline

The bowline is the king of sailing knots. It has been in use by sailors continuously for at least 500 years. Simply put, the bowline is way of turning the end of your line into a loop. Why is this useful? You can tie it around a post or other fixed object to make the line fast, or on smaller boats it is used fasten the halyard to the sail. It can also be used to tie two lines together. It has a number of practical uses as well, such as hanging a hammock. Under pressure the bowline tightens, so it won't give way. However, note that it's impossible to untie while bearing a load!



HOW TO TIE IT:

Step 1: Form a loop near the end of the line. (How much of the line you leave will depend on how big you want the final knot to be.)

Step 2: Run the end of the line back through that loop.

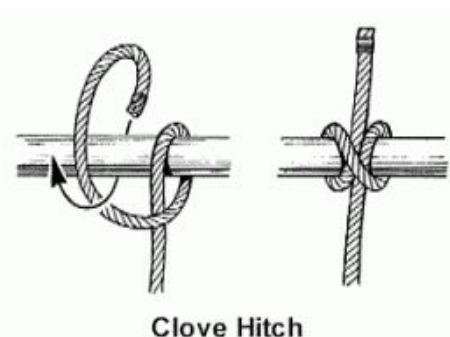
Step 3: Next, run the line around the standing end and back through the small loop.

Step 4: Now grasp the end and pull the knot tight.

Step 5: You should have a large loop now! Congratulations, you've tied a bowline

2. Clove Hitch

A clove hitch is an extremely useful and quick knot. It has the advantage of being very quick to tie and untie, but it doesn't hold nearly as well as the bowline. On sailboats, one of its most common uses is hanging the fenders over the side as you come in to dock.



Clove Hitch

HOW TO TIE IT:

Step 1: Wrap the end of the line around the post (or whatever you're attaching it to).

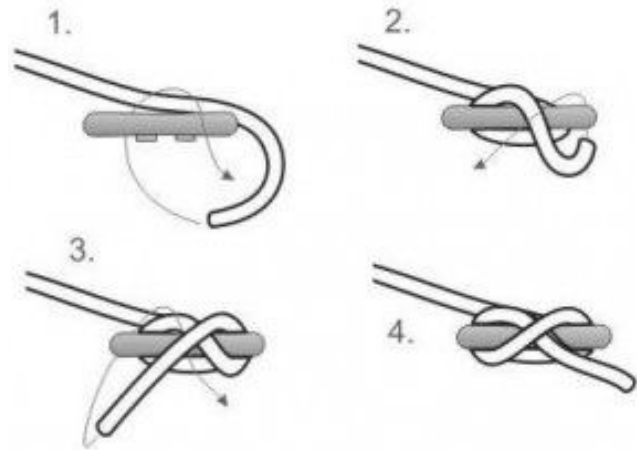
Step 2: Cross the line over itself and wrap it around the post again.

Step 3: Loosen the last wrap slightly and slip the end under, then pull it taut. This is a way of "locking" the knot.

Step 4: Give it a few tugs to make sure it's secure, and you're done!

3. Cleat Hitch

This type of knot is designed especially for one purpose, and I bet you can guess what that is. If you said, "Making the line fast to a cleat," you were correct. As you might imagine, this is used all the time on a sailboat, whether you're docking, towing a dinghy, or rigging a preventer. Knowing how to do it will make you a much handier sailing companion!



HOW TO TIE IT:

Step 1: Make a wrap around the base of the cleat. Begin your wrap on the edge furthest away from where the line originates.

Step 2: Make a figure 8 on the cleat. If the line is going to be under a lot of pressure, and the cleat is big enough, repeat this two or three times.

Step 3: Add a hitch to the final turn to lock it. Do this by making a loop with the tail end underneath, hook it around the cleat, and pull taut. The tail end should be pointing away from the line's origin.

Remember, practice makes perfect! Don't be surprised or discouraged if these sailing knots don't come out right the first few dozen times you do them. But enough practice, and they'll become like second nature. Armed with just these few knots, you'll make a great addition to any crew, including one of the charter groups on our flotillas to places like Scotland, Croatia, and Tahiti.



ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

If you have an idea or suggestion you would like to present to the club, make your voice heard! Your fellow club members and officers would love to hear from you.

Jacomo Cruiser Fleet Yacht Club Officers

Nate King	Commodore
Zach Ritter	Vice Commodore
Ann Helder	Secretary
Mercedes Lentz	Treasurer

2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Host	Location
April 1		Launch Day		
April 14	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
April 21	13:00	April Meeting/ Party & Swap Meet	Mercedes & Jason Lentz	Sailboat Cove
May 12	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
May 12	13:00	Spring Race	TBD	Sailboat Cove
May 19	17:30	May Meeting/ Party	TBD	Sailboat Cove
June 9	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
June 16	17:30	June Meeting/ Pig Roast & Luau	TBD	Sailboat Cove
July 14	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
July 21	17:30	July Meeting/ Party	JP & Ann Helder	Sailboat Cove
August 4-5	TBD	50th Anniversary Regatta	JSC	More info coming!
August 11	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
August 18	19:00	Overnight Raft Up	TBD	Sailboat Cove
August 19	9:00	August Breakfast Meeting	TBD	Sailboat Cove
September 8	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
September 8	13:00	Fall Classic	TBD	Sailboat Cove
September 15	17:30	September Meeting/ Party	TBD	Sailboat Cove
October 13	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
October 20	17:30	October Meeting/ Chili Cook-Off	TBD	Sailboat Cove
November 10	10:00	Cove Clean Up		Sailboat Cove
November 17	14:00	November Meeting/ Donning of the Socks	Josh & Shannon, Nate King ,and Matt & Monica Ward	Sailboat Cove
November 30		Last day to pull your boat		
December 8	17:30	Holiday Party	Fleet	TBD

