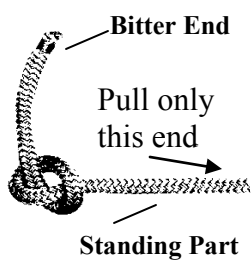


# ROPES & KNOTS

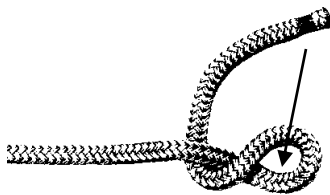


## Lesson 2 Stopper Knots

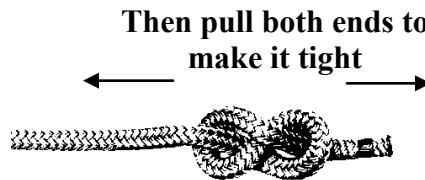


In this lesson we learn how to ‘finish off’ a line (usually to keep it from getting away from us) with what are sometimes called **stopper knots**. They can also be used for holding things in place. The simplest one, an **Overhand Knot**, is fine for some chores, as long as it is only pulled from the “standing part” (not the “bitter end”). Otherwise, it can become too tight to untie!

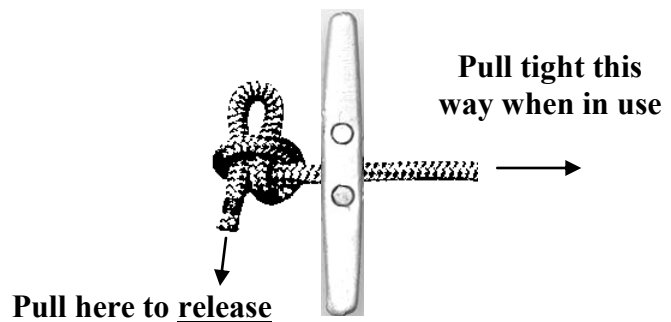
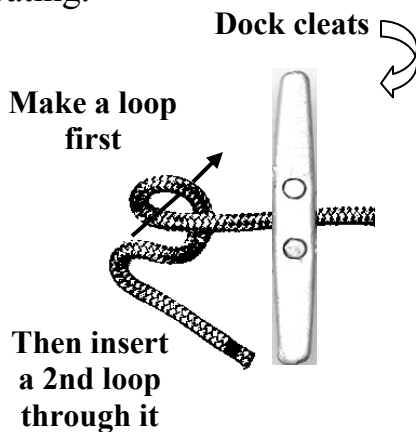
A much better one is the **Figure 8 Knot** which can be easy to “break loose” no matter how hard it “works”.



After twisting to make a loop insert the bitter end here



A “stopper knot” that can be quickly released is the **Slip Knot**, simple but still secure. It has many uses such as attaching a line to a dock cleat dock when boating.



Practice all knots learned so far. Also, learn this verse so you can say it from memory at your next meeting:

**“Keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.” (Proverbs 6:20,21)**