

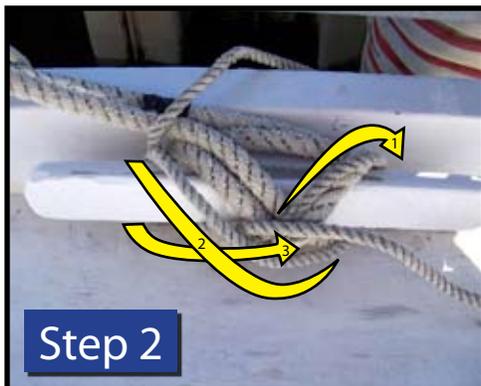
Fenders

We secure our fenders two ways on the skipjack, depending on where each is being tied off. The main one, amidships, is tied off on the starboard cleat at that point, using basic cleat hitches on each end of the fender line. A second fender is secured further aft on the rail, using clove hitches finished with half hitches, opposite the next piling. (See the Cleat Hitch and Clove Hitch knots pages for more information.)

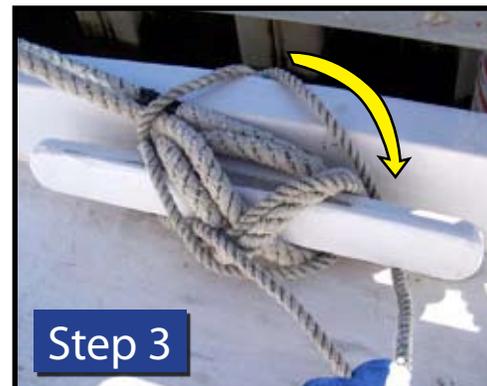
Tying Off A Fender Onto A Cleat



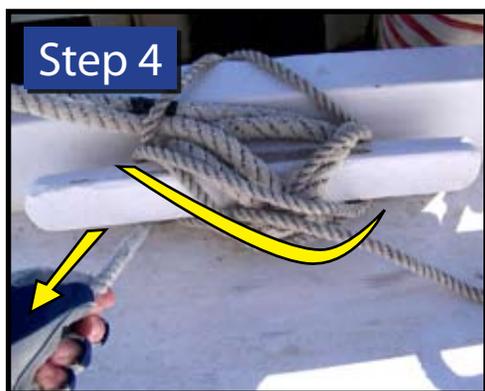
Step 1:
Tie off the fender on top of the dock lines already secured to the cleat. Tie each end, one at a time, with a cleat hitch, but without the initial full wrap around the cleat. Bring the right-hand fender line over the rail and start a figure eight wrap, first going under the left-hand horn of the cleat.



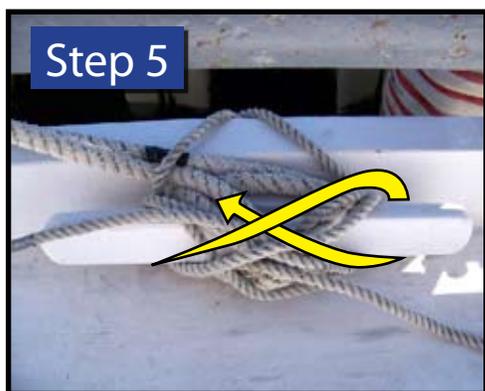
Step 2:
Complete the figure eight wrap with the right-hand fender line before starting on the left one.



Step 3:
Crossing over the first fender line, take the left-hand fender line under the right horn of the cleat.



Step 4:
Continue with a figure-eight wrap around the left horn of the cleat.



Step 5:
Secure the second fender line around the right horn of the cleat.

Tying Off A Fender Onto A Rail



Tie each end of the fender off onto the rail, using a clove hitch finished off with two half hitches. The ends can either be tied off on the rail on each side of the fender, or crossed over each other and tied at the center point of the fender. Either way, the fender should be centered on the piling from which the boat is being protected.