

Halyard: Sails Raised

This is the method we use to secure either the main halyard (shown here) or the jib halyard to their cleats on the mast when the sails are raised. The main downhaul is also secured to this cleat, as shown here.



Step 1:
With a good grip on the halyard, bring it down on the aft side and under the cleat.



Step 2: Full Wrap
Maintaining your grip on the halyard with one hand, make a full wrap around the cleat with the other.



Step 3: Figure Eight
Take the line across the front of the cleat and over the top to start your figure eight wrap.



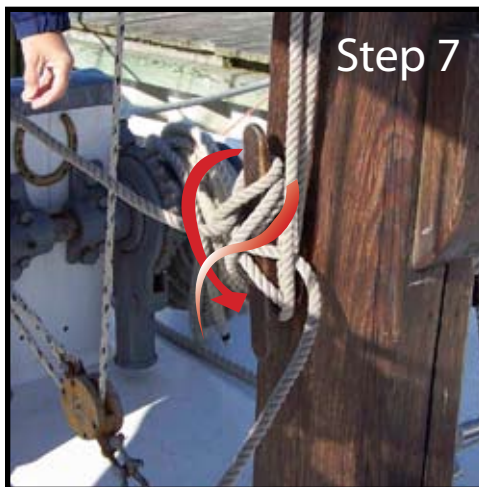
Step 4:
Take the line across the front of the cleat again and under it, to continue your figure eight wrap.



Step 5: Finishing
Give the line a counterclockwise half twist and form a loop. Place it over the horn so that the beginning of the loop comes diagonally up and across the front of the cleat and lies over the end of the line, which should lie parallel to the diagonal wrap below it. Pull to tighten loop.



Step 6: Main Downhaul
Working over the halyard wraps, bring the downhaul down on the aft side and under the cleat as in Step 1.



Step 7: Main Downhaul Finish
Secure a loop around the cleat as in Step 5. There is no need to take a full wrap, as there is no tension on this line.

The jib halyard is secured the same way on the cleat on the starboard side of the mast. The jib downhaul is secured separately on a cleat on the bowsprit.

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