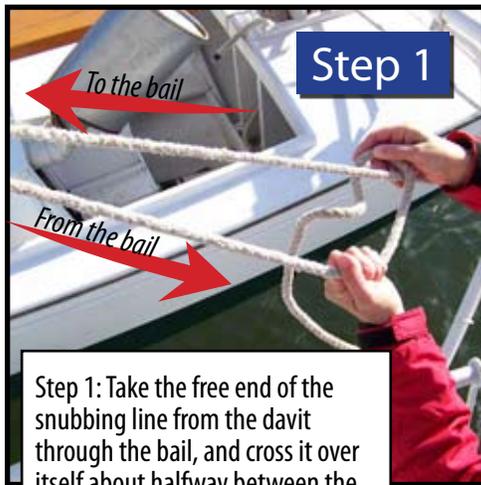


Snubbing Lines (Rolling Hitch)

Securing the main sheet to the cleat on the wheel box is the first step in securing the boom. The snubbing lines run from the port and starboard davits through the main sheet bail and restrain the boom's lateral movement when the sail is down. A correctly executed rolling hitch allows quick and easy adjustments of the lines, while still keeping the boom secured. We also use this hitch to secure our tarp lines to the stanchions when spending the night on the boat.



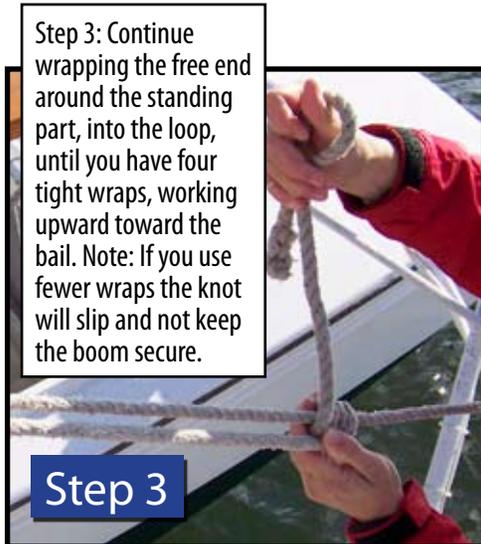
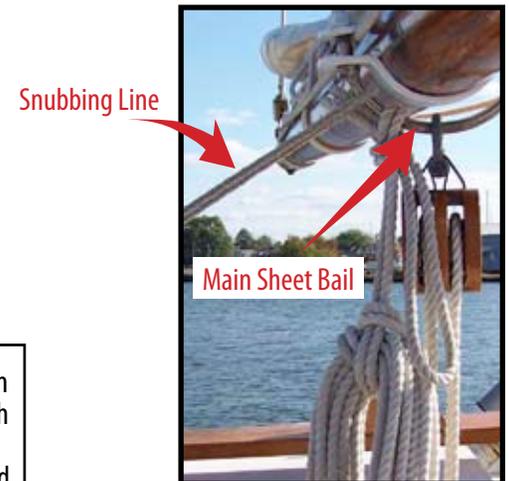
Step 1

Step 1: Take the free end of the snubbing line from the davit through the bail, and cross it over itself about halfway between the davit and the bail.



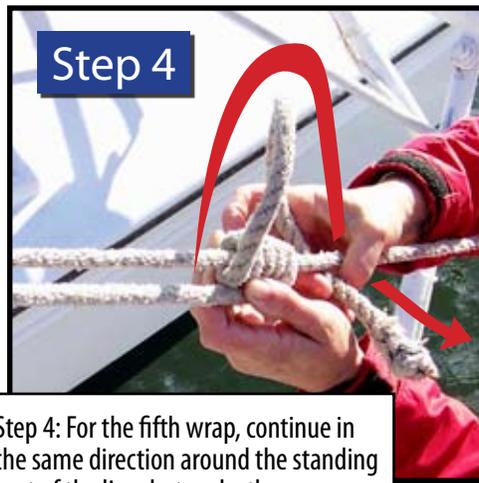
Step 2

Step 2: Maintaining tension with one hand on the part of the line coming from the bail, with your other hand, take the free end of the line through the loop to make a tight wrap around the part of the line coming from the davit.



Step 3: Continue wrapping the free end around the standing part, into the loop, until you have four tight wraps, working upward toward the bail. Note: If you use fewer wraps the knot will slip and not keep the boom secure.

Step 3



Step 4

Step 4: For the fifth wrap, continue in the same direction around the standing part of the line, but make the wrap BELOW the wraps already done.



Step 5

Step 5: Finish the wrap by taking the free end through the loop being made, forming a half hitch. Pull it tight to finish the knot.



Step 6

Step 6: To tighten the snubbing line and set the rolling hitch, take up all the slack by pulling down on the part of the line coming from the bail...



Step 7

Step 7: ...and slide the rolling hitch down the standing part of the line with your other hand.



The Finished Knot