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Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



As we move into the heart of boating season, I'd like to take a moment to welcome everyone back to the water and thank you for being part of our club. Whether you're a long-time member or new this year, it's shaping up to be a great season filled with activity, camaraderie, and plenty of time on the water.

A quick reminder—**annual dues are due by June 30th. Payment can be made at the meetings or via Zelle to Treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com.**

I also want to highlight **National Safe Boating Week, May 16th–22nd**. This is a great opportunity for all of us to take a step back and refresh our focus on safety—whether that's checking your safety equipment, reviewing proper procedures, or encouraging friends and family to get more comfortable on the water. Safe boating is something we all benefit from, and it starts with each of us.

We have a full calendar ahead, and the rest of the board has put together updates, events, and important information throughout this newsletter. I encourage you to read on and stay involved—there's something for everyone this season.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water.



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Our April meeting was a fantastic success, with a wonderful turnout. The fascinator-making workshop brought out everyone’s creativity, and it was wonderful to see so many members laughing, crafting, and getting into the Derby spirit together. We also wrapped up an unforgettable weekend trip to Sebastian—great weather, great company, and plenty of memories. The trip was such a hit that we’ve already locked in dates for next year on Tax Weekend. Whether you’ll be celebrating a refund or having a drink to recover from writing that check, it’s sure to be another fun getaway.



Looking ahead, we have nearly 50 members signed up for our Kentucky Derby Social at Loopers on May 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30, and we’re excited to see everyone there. Bring your fascinator, and if you missed last month’s meeting, our granddaughter Ashlynn made a few extras that I can bring—just text me.

Update: Unfortunately, we didn’t get the newsletter out in time, so this event already happened! It was a great event with a great turnout!

After that, next month’s club meeting will feature a Taco Bar Night. The club will be providing the meat, with Jeff Maylum hosting and Bob Solms cohosting. As of today, we still need members to sign up for toppings—right now we only have avocado and salsa covered. If you’re able to contribute, please add your name to the list so we can round out the spread.

[Click here to let us know if you will be attending the May general meeting](#)

As always, our club is only as strong as the volunteers who step up. Every successful event—from craft nights to socials to weekend trips—happens because of the time, energy, and enthusiasm of our members. Thank you to everyone who continues to make this club such a vibrant and welcoming community. Sent from my iPhone

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April has been a great month so far, with the weekend at Captain Hiram's being the highlight. What a fun time, and it was so nice to be able to spend so much time with all of the members who were able to make it. Make reservations for next year!

I was able to induct another 4 members at the April meeting. Make sure to give a warm welcome to Dag and Susan Hanssen as well as Bob and Trish Femia. I love to see our group growing and look forward to inducting a few more people in May.

We also had more new people attend this meeting, Jennifer and Randy Fuhrman. Thanks to the Vanport's who invited them. Continue to spread the word, and give anyone interested my information so I can help them through the process.

Diane



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Something Old, Something New

Remember to sign-up for events you wish to attend. This helps the venue to prepare by ensuring the proper staffing and assign seating to accommodate our group.

April Events

April 10: Forty nine members and friends attended the rooftop Chill Bar at the Compass Hotel by Margaritaville, The food, specialty drinks and service was phenomenal, while enjoying a beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean and listening to some good music with friends.

Lead: Jerry Imbriani



Social

April 16-19: Forty two members and friends attended this year's 3 night away event at Captain Hiram's Resort in Sebastian Fl. a popular waterfront destination. The hotel, bars, bands, camp grounds and entertainment were all excellent. The hotel pool parties were a splash during down time. We all enjoyed the great outdoors, while cruising down the shallow waters of the In-tercostal Waterway, on the River King Eco Tour. There's already talk about doing this again in 2027. Special thanks goes to Debbie Smith for the excellent job she did planning her first event.



**The Landing Strip
at the
Flagler Executive Airport**



Social

April 26: Everyone had a wonderful day fishing on Sea Spirit Fishing Charters- Ponce Inlet. Jim K, Aaron, Cyndi and Bob Fazzone and Amy Beth Krisanda enjoyed a beautiful day on the water! The fish were not running too well, but the swells made up for it. They all had a Rock n Roll day. First time fishing, Cyndi got to experience "everything". Award goes to Bob for coming and supporting Cyndi and he didn't even fish! They also enjoyed a lovely lunch at Down the Hatch conveniently located next to the fishing boat. Looking forward to fishing again.
Lead: Amy Beth Krisanda.

Coming Events:

May 2, 5:30 PM: Derby at Loopers Par & Grill. Come join the fun as we eat, drink and watch the Kentucky Derby live with all our FBYC friends. Lead: Nancy Maylum

June 13, 11:00 AM: Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Join all your FBYC Friends at the Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Bring a dish, appetizer, desert and/or drinks to share, your bathing suit, and an empty stomach, to enjoy while you jump in the swimming pool to cool off.

Lead: Cindy & Bob Fazzone

[Click here to let us know if you will be attending the POOL Party](#)

June 23, 5:30pm: Turtle Shack: A low key casual dining experience with outdoor seating, located at European Village. Their menu features a variety of seafood-centric dishes including their well-regarded crab cakes, fresh tacos, and shrimp po'boys. The restaurant can only accommodate 25 people so be sure to sign-up now. Lead: Judy O'Neill

[Click here to sign up, This event is limited to the first 25 to sign up so don't wait](#)

October 8-11: We added a second 3 night away event at Renegades on the St Johns River, in Crescent City. This event is a combined Maritime/Social Event. Come by car, boat or RV, for the day or a 3-day weekend. Rent a pontoon boat, jet skis or a slip for your boat. Enjoy a restaurant, Tiki Bar, live bands, swimming pool and a Social Saturday night. All the cabins are rented but there are other options: Hotels or Motels, www.airbnb.com, or rent a turnkey RV, from www.rv.share.com (888-482-0234). Come for the day, join us for a dinner social and a live band afterwards at the Tiki Bar. Lead: Jerry Imbriani

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AHOY!!! I hope that this newsletter finds everyone enjoying time on the water exploring, going to new restaurants, sand bars, fishing or just cruising. On April 25 we held our annual Blessing of the Fleet in the Cimarrone Basin. We had 11 boats that participated. A big thank you to Jerry, Christine and Patty for taking care of Blessing all the boats. The captain's prize was won by Charlie Bentivegna, Congratulations. Our next Maritime Event will be held on May 16th and will be a Poker Run with a Raft up to follow in the Cimarrone Basin. The event will kick off at 11:30 and the lead on Michelle Kelly. Please remember that we monitor channel 68 when on the water or during events.

[Click here to sign up for the Poker Run](#)

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP ON THE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS...



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Five Basic Boating Knots You Really Should Know

[Zack Thomas](#) June 02, 2022 4 min read



Tell the truth — how many different knots do you use boating? For most boaters, the answer is two or maybe three, counting a cleat hitch, which is the actual name of the knot used to attach a line to a cleat. The fact is that most of us know and use more fishing knots than we do boating knots. And we get by just fine that way.

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Five Basic Boating Knots To Know

On most recreational boats under 30 feet or so, the only lines on board are an anchor rode, a few dock lines (usually with an eye spliced into one end), and maybe a ski rope. If you can tie to a cleat and a piling or railing when a cleat isn't available, you're set for the vast majority of situations you'll encounter operating a trailerable powerboat.

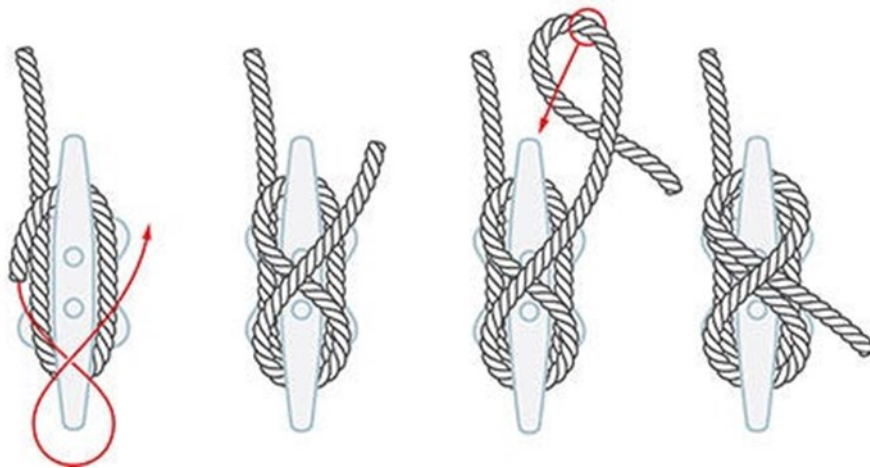
Still, knots are fun to learn, and knowing just a handful of simple ones can come in very handy when something unexpected happens. Fortunately, it takes a few seconds on Google to find detailed, illustrated instructions for any knot, bend, or hitch ever devised by humankind. The real question is which ones to start with. Here are five to know by heart.

Cleat Hitch

There is, in fact, a right way to tie a dock line to a cleat. There are also a whole lot of wrong ways.

Most of the wrong ways also work reasonably well, but if you're leaving your boat for an extended period of time or in challenging conditions, do it right.

CLEAT HITCH



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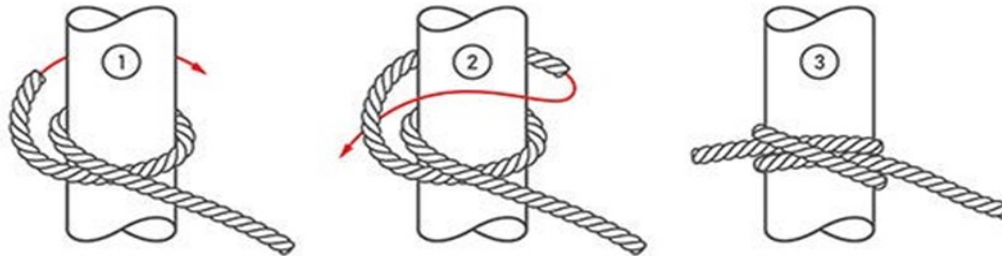
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Important Things to Notice

1. If your dock line is at an angle to the dock, go around the far side of the cleat first.
2. Take at least half a turn around the base of the cleat, as shown in the NetKnots illustration, before going over the middle. For a more slip-resistant hitch, take a full turn around the base before starting your first figure-eight, as shown in [this ani-](#)
3. A single figure-eight locked with a half-hitch is plenty. Many new boaters keep wrapping and wrapping until they've buried the cleat under a big ball of rope. That doesn't do any good. Keep it simple and neat

CLOVE HITCH



You can make a clove hitch more secure by throwing a couple of half-hitches around the standing part with the tail. Or, substitute a rolling hitch, which is basically a clove hitch with one extra turn, making it a little more resistant to slipping.

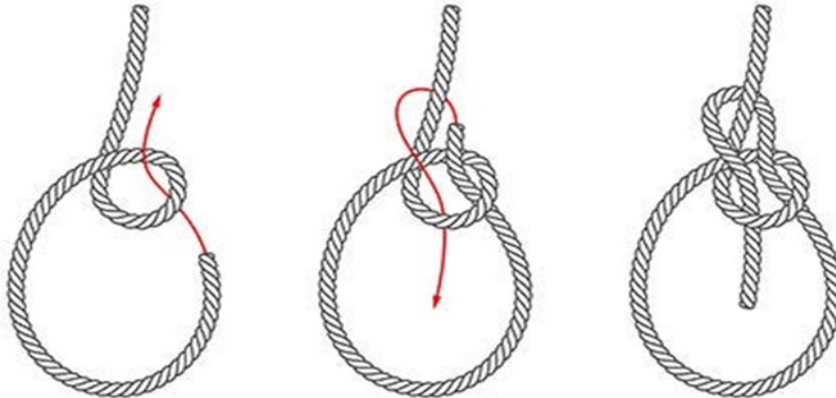
Bowline

A bowline can be used either to form a loop in the end of a line or to tie a line around a piling or rail. Lots of knots can do the same things, but what's special about a bowline is that it doesn't slip and doesn't tighten under load nearly as much as other knots, making it easy to untie. Those qualities make bowlines ideal for towing and similar applications where lines are under sustained tension.

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BOWLINE KNOT



For instance, use a bowline to tie a tow line to your bow eye. Boats tow better when the tow line is attached to the bow eye rather than to a cleat on deck. Or, if you want to [anchor your boat](#) close to shore with your bow out, use a bowline to tie your stern line to a tree so you won't have to struggle to get it untied.

Sheet Bend

Probably the least commonly used of these five knots, the sheet bend is still valuable to know. It's used for tying the ends of two pieces of line together and, unlike the many other knots that can do essentially the same thing, the sheet bend works well even with two lines of very different sizes.

SHEET BEND



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Round Turn with Two Half-Hitches

Probably the most frequently used knot among boaters after the cleat hitch, a round turn with two half-hitches is a quick, simple way to tie dock lines off to pilings or railings when cleats aren't available. You don't want to leave your boat moored overnight this way, but for tying up to the dock while you grab the truck — or even lunch — it's plenty secure.

Note that without a full turn around the piling, as shown in this [animation](#), this

Pro Tip: A Knot is Only as Strong as the Rope Used to Tie it!

Having top-notch marine-specific lines and ropes make tying these knots much easier. A high-quality rope is going to be more subtle and durable, making the knot not only easier and faster to tie but much stronger.

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Sending out cards to those for various occasions, remembrances, thank you and support. If there is someone that would like a sunny card or a special day shout out, please let me know.

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Hoist a Tankard of Grog to This Month's Birthday Pirates

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Ship Store Newsletter

“There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are Friendships, may they always be!” -Irish Proverb

The Ship Store will be open at our next meeting, May 21st. Please stop by to see the ship store as many items are marked on sale, and we still have new merchandise. If you have any questions/suggestions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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