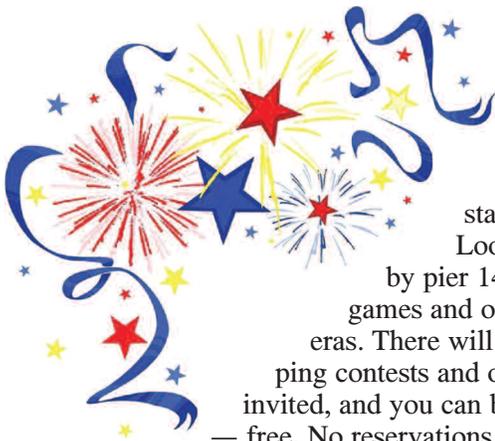




The Lighthouse

SSH Marina planning a party



South Shore Harbour Marina turns 34 next month. As usual, we'll celebrate both Independence Day and our anniversary together. The party will be Saturday, July 1. We will have an amazing day of fun, food and events. It starts at Noon and ends at 3 p.m.

Look for the big tent in the parking lot right by pier 14. There will be barbeque, drinks and games and other entertainment, so bring your cameras. There will be hula hoop contests, toilet paper wrapping contests and other great games. All marina tenants are invited, and you can bring guests if you like. The price is right — free. No reservations required, just show up and have fun. See you there!



Fuel tips for boaters

*Courtesy boat.com
by Craig Ritchie*

Employing these fuel saving tips will add up to big savings. Although boating is still one of the most affordable ways of enjoying some family time in the sun, no one wants to spend more than they have to at the fuel dock. While today's boats and engines are more fuel efficient than ever, there are still a few things you can do to cut your fuel bill and save a few bucks. Here are 10 fuel saving tips to help you out this season.

1) Slow down: The best way to reduce fuel consumption is to simply slow down a little. Engines use the most fuel at wide-open throttle, so simply pulling back from full throttle to two-

thirds can cut your fuel bill in half. Over the course of a full season, that's a lot of money. Besides, what's your rush?

2) Lighten up: All boats seem to collect stuff over the years. All that junk doesn't just deprive you of storage space, it adds weight to the boat and causes it to eat more fuel. Clean out all storage lockers at the beginning of each season, and get rid of stuff you don't actually need.

Removing items you don't actually need will reduce the boat's weight and improve fuel economy.

3) Fuel for the day: Unless you have a clear reason to do so, there's no sense running your boat with a full fuel tank

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all of the time. Full fuel, water and waste tanks add a lot of weight to the boat, and that means higher fuel consumption. Top up with only as much fuel as you need for the day, plus a bit of reserve, and over the course of a year you'll burn much less of it.

4) Distribute the load: Balancing the weight inside your boat is another great way to improve fuel economy. Always try to distribute passengers and gear so that your boat can easily get up on plane, and doesn't just plow through the water.

5) Learn to use the trim switch: Once the boat is running up on plane, gradually adjust your engine's trim switch to get most of the boat up and out of the water to reduce drag and improve fuel economy. You'll know when you get it right, because you'll feel the boat ride smoothly without bouncing or porpoising.

Trimming the engine to reduce drag can also reduce fuel burn.

6) Maintain the engine: Keeping your motor properly tuned is another top way of reducing your fuel bill. Neglecting to change the spark plugs each year may save you a couple of bucks in the short term, but in the long run, it'll cost you plenty more in poor fuel economy. And, a lack of maintenance will shorten engine life.

7) Clean the bottom: Boats left in the water inevitably attract things like algae, zebra mussels, barnacles and other life forms that can increased

drag and reduce fuel efficiency. Cleaning the hull now and then removes growths and keeps the boat running as it was meant to.

8) Upgrade the engine: If you have an older motor, you might consider replacing it with a newer one. Modern engines are incredibly fuel-efficient compared to even those of 10 years ago. You'll notice the difference immediately.

9) Prop for economy: Propellers come in a range of sizes and styles, each designed to do a different job. Replacing the stock "all-round" prop with one specifically designed to give better fuel economy can make a big difference in your annual fuel bill. Talk with your dealer to see what's best for your particular boat and engine. In general, props that diminish slip, like those with four blades or cupped blades, tend to require less fuel.

10) Put the top down: Nothing beats the protection of a bimini top on a hot summer's day. But that big shady top acts like a parachute when you're under way, and can really kill fuel economy. Taking the top down when you're driving long distances makes sense — the breeze at speed will keep you cool, while eliminating the top's extra drag will soften your fuel bill. You can put the top back up when you arrive at your destination.

Saving a few bucks here and there really adds up. By thinking about what you can do to reduce your boat's fuel consumption, you can probably save enough each year for a new fish finder or GPS, or even a trip south in the winter months. Now there's incentive!

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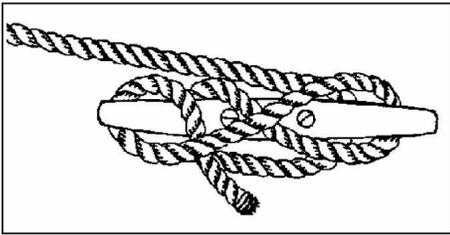
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5 knots every boater should know

Courtesy boat.com
by Craig Ritchie

Knowing how to tie good knots will help protect your pride and joy and rope is the essential boating tool, yet it won't be of much use unless you know a couple of basic knots. Here are five knots every boater should know.



1) Cleat Hitch

You use the appropriately-named cleat hitch to tie the boat to the dock. That makes it a pretty important knot to know, if for no other reason than to prevent your pride and joy from drifting away without you.

In a nutshell you wrap the line once around the cleat, then over the top twice, making figure-eight patterns. On the last wrap, rotate the line into a loop and flip it upside down before wrapping it around the cleat.

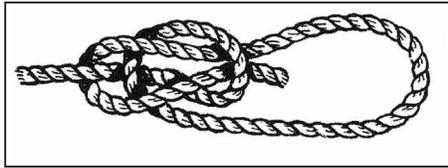
Pull it snug and you're all set.



2) Clove Hitch

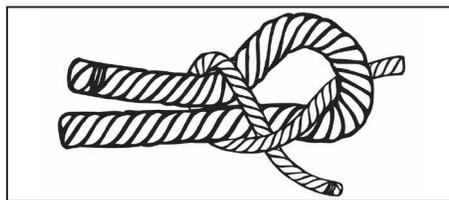
Indispensable for tying boats to posts, bollards and other fixed objects, the clove hitch is also quite easy to tie.

Take the end of your rope and make a loop, laying the line over itself. Then make a second loop, again laying the line over itself. Overlap the loops one over the other, slip it over the post you want to tie-off to, and pull snug. That's it!



3) Bowline

A bowline knot creates a loop in the end of a rope, which won't slip. Start by making a small loop in your rope about 18 inches from the end. Run the tag end of the line through the loop, wrap it around the main line, then pass it back through the loop again and pull tight. Voila!

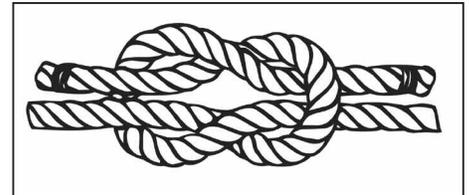


4) Sheet Bend

A sheet bend is used to tie two lines together, and works even if the lines are of different diameters.

Start by making a U-shaped loop in

the first line, then run the second one through it. Continue wrapping the second line around both looped strands of the first one, then pass the tag end back out through the same loop it came in through, and gently pull tight. Done.



5) Square Knot

Also known as a reef knot, this is also used to connect two separate lines.

Start by wrapping the two lines together, left over right. Then wrap the tag ends over each other again, this time right over left. Pull the two standing ends apart and you're done.

Having trouble with one or two? Check out the simple videos at AnimatedKnots.com for step-by-step instructions.

— Attention Lady Anglers —

Beauties on the Bay Fishing Tournament, hosted by Jackie's Brickhouse in Kemah is June 16-17. Registration is due by June 11 and late registration is accepted until June 15 but will require late fees. Registration fees are \$100 per angler.

This is a woman only fishing tournament. A team can be up to 4 women. A guide or driver can be a male. All team members must be listed on the registration form and have paid the entry fee. A male guide or driver does not pay the entry fee. No deckhands or spectators are allowed on a boat.

Each team member, as well as the guide or driver, must sign a Tournament Release prior to start time.

Live or artificial bait is allowed in both divisions. A team member can have more than one rod and reel on the boat, but she cannot fish with more than one pole at a time. Any cast must be fully retrieved before an angler may make another cast with a different rod and reel. A team member may be assisted with baiting a hook, and netting, but the individual member must cast, "set the hook" and reel the fish to the boat or net herself.

Eligible fish are legal size Trout, Flounder and Redfish. No over-sized fish will be weighed. Award and payout winners are determined by weight and include any bonuses. In the event of a weight tie, the first team to weigh-in will prevail.

If you have any questions, feel free to call (832) 864-2459 or visit beautiesonthebay.com.

Does your boat have a top name?

Courtesy BoatU.S.

The nation's largest recreational boating advocacy, services and safety group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.), issued its 2017 Top Ten Boat Names list, a tradition dating back a quarter decade. The names come from tallying up requests for boat names to the BoatU.S. Graphics service, and each reveal much about the personality of the vessel's owner.

The top 10 boat names:

- *Serenity*: The utter calm and quietude boating brings.
- *Seas the Day*: A nautical wordplay on the Latin saying *carpe diem*, taking boating to its fullest.
- *Andiamo*: "Let's go!" in Italian and a perennial favorite boat name.
- *Irish Wake*: Mourning and merrymaking after the death of a family member or friend.
- *Freedom*: Patriotic name that first appeared on the top 10 names list in 2004.
- *Adagio*: Italian for "at a slow tempo." Represents how boating reduces stress in our hectic lives.
- *Ohana*: From the Hawaiian culture, meaning "family" in an extended sense.

• *Oasis*: A fertile spot in a desert where water is found; symbolizes boating's ability to refresh and nourish our daily lives.

• *Happy Ours*: A playful take on the good feeling you get at the afternoon communal cocktail time.

• *Firefly*: Making the list for the first time, it's thought that the kids picked this one

For a look at all of the BoatU.S. top 10 boat names over the years as well as a directory of over 9,000 boat names, go to BoatUS.com/boatnames. The BoatUS Graphics service offers an online design tool to easily create custom boat graphics with fast turnaround times.



Serenity was the #1 boat name, according to BoatU.S.

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