

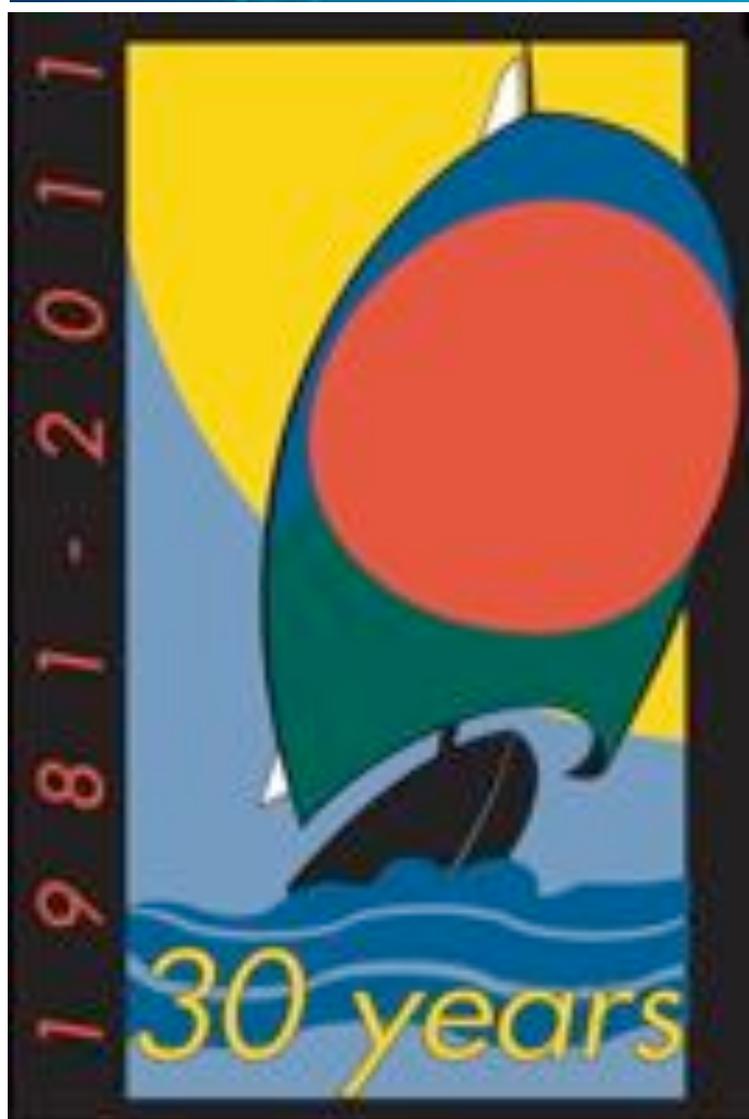
THE MAINSHEET

Sunshine Bay Yacht Club

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SBYC 30TH Anniversary

*Come celebrate with Sunshine Bay
Yacht Club - July 1 - 3*

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Save the Date and Let's Celebrate
This coming July Long Weekend
will be the 30th Anniversary
Celebrations for our Club. Thirty
years of sailing, and friendships
made. A Committee has been
planning over the winter and invites
will be going out soon.

Thursday Evening June 30th Beer
and BBQ

Friday July 1 Down the Lake Race
Saturday July 2 Pancake Breakfast,
Kids Activities and Celebrations
followed by a Catered Buffet
Dinner

Plan to share in the fun; invites
coming out shortly.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome to another year of sailing at SBYC! It looks like we'll be launching our boats the May long weekend this year. In my experience that is the latest we've ever launched. I suspect that this will become the norm now that the Wabamun power plant has been decommissioned.

Despite the late start this should be an exciting year at SBYC. This is the thirtieth anniversary of our club, and to celebrate we're having a party on the July long weekend. So please make sure that you keep your calendars open. If you are in contact with some of our previous members, please let them know that they are welcome to celebrate with us.

This year we're trying something new to communicate with our membership. If you go to our website at www.sunshinebay.org you will find a new section

called "News" and under that heading are links to a number of blogspot.com pages that we plan to post up-to-date information about club events, racing, and general membership information. Please be sure to check in regularly to keep current.

If you attended our Annual General Meeting in March you already know that we are planning to hire a part-time person to keep the club house and grounds looking their best. Even so, it is important that we all tidy up after ourselves so that everyone can enjoy their time at the club.

The Board is discussing the possibility of implementing an Officer of the Day. The idea is that members would sign up for a weekend and would then be responsible for keeping the bathrooms stocked, monitor dock lines (especially of those

members not present), and other small duties. This is something that we will be discussing over the next couple of months, so if you have comments, please be sure to send them my way. I can be reached at neil@alleykatbeer.com.

Finally, we will be doing dock repairs on Saturday, May 7. As "they" say, more hands make light work. The main task at hand is to replace the floatation on those fingers and spines that didn't get new floatation last spring. Watch your email and our website for more information.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming sailing season. It looks like an exciting one and I'm sure I'll see you at the club. Happy sailing!

Neil Herbst

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DOCK LINES

Dock Lines

Starting May 1st, 2009, any boats mooring at SBYC docks shall use nylon dock lines with a minimum diameter as given in the table below.

The size (diameter) of your line depends on the length and weight of your boat. The following are the minimum acceptable sizes:

Boat Length	Line Diameter (in inches)
Boats under 20 feet	3/8
Boats 20 to 30 feet	1/2
Boats 30 to 40 feet	5/8

Note: If your boat is heavy for its size, go up one size in diameter. A boat cannot be damaged by having its dock lines a bit oversized.

Dock Line Material

Nylon is the accepted best choice for dock lines and SBYC will only accept nylon dock lines. Nylon line comes in two types: 3 strand twisted, also called "laid" line, and braided line. Either is acceptable given the proper diameter is used as per the preceding table. 3 strand line is fine for most boating purposes, as it is strong and stretches to help absorb shock. It does, however, have the disadvantages of kinking easily and being rough on the

hands. Braided line rarely kinks and is much easier on the hands. Its disadvantages are that it tends to chafe more easily than twisted line and it's more expensive.

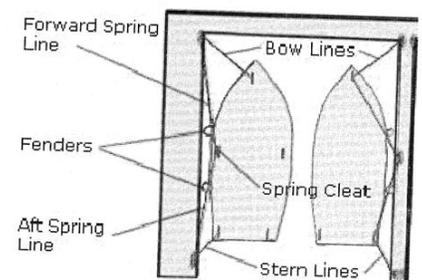
Polypropylene line (called "poly") is a very poor choice for dock lines and SBYC strictly prohibits poly dock lines. Save them for your heaving and trip lines. Poly does not stretch, it has a very low breaking strength (approximately 50% of the same size nylon) and degrades quickly in direct sunlight.

Line Distribution

Unless your boat is unusually heavy or will be subjected to severe conditions, a bowline, stern line, and two spring lines are sufficient. As a general rule, the length of bow and stern lines should equal two-thirds of your boat's overall length. Spring lines should be slightly longer, approximately the same length as your boat. Spring lines keep the boat snugly near the float by preventing it from moving fore or aft, while allowing for rise and fall due to wave action. Keep in mind; the position of cleats on your boat and the float may affect the length of the dock lines.

Note: Do not make your bow and stern lines too short as they can generate a large load on the boat and float cleats in times of stronger winds and waves.

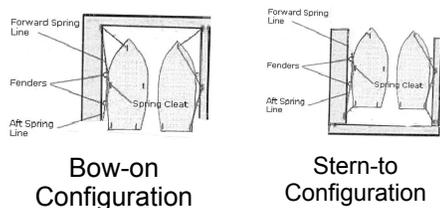
The following diagram shows some examples of properly secured boats on a float that is substantially longer than the boat:



Because many of the boats at SBYC are as long or longer than the finger floats, the above arrangement is usually not possible. The following diagrams show examples of acceptable dock line configurations for both a bow-on and stern-to situation for boats as long or longer than the finger floats:

DOCK LINES

Note: Other configurations are possible as long as the lines provide adequate play of the boat at the finger while preventing contact with an adjacent boat.



In times of forecasted storms, reset your dock lines and double them up! And while you're at it, consider doubling up your neighbor's lines as well, it will protect both of you. Also, please consider keeping a spare line readily accessible onboard for those times when you cannot make it down and your neighbor or the dock master needs to double your lines. Having a spare line handy greatly increases the chances that someone will secure your boat for you!

Chafe And Protection From Weathering

Almost all dock line failures occur at points of physical damage on the line; damage incurred either

through constant chafing or weathering. Good dock lines are expensive (but so are hull repairs) so wherever your dock line goes through a chock or other hardware, or any place where the line is in contact with any surface, use a chafing guard to protect it. Chafing guards can be purchased or you can fashion your own out of an old piece of garden hose. Surfaces under your lines can be "softened" using carpet remnants. Make a point of inspecting your lines for chafing and excessive weathering periodically throughout the season and replace damaged lines. Shortening a line by using a sheepshank or other knot to isolate a worn area is not an acceptable remedy.

Knots

Also, a word about knots in your dock lines: a knot will reduce a line's breaking strength by as much as 50%! So avoid them as much as possible, the use of pre-spliced eyes is recommended. The only knots a dock line should encounter are those that

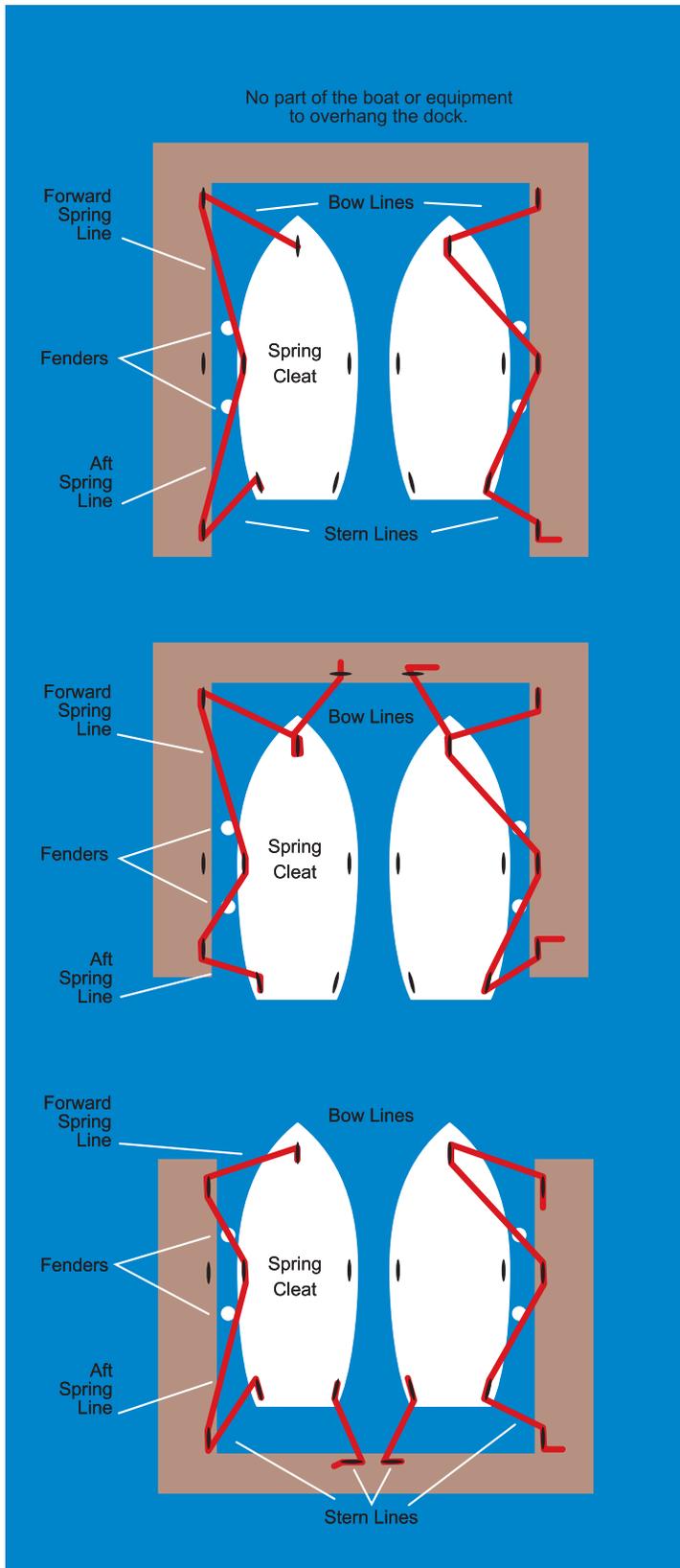
you tie around cleats or pilings. The use of proper knots is a mark of good seamanship. If you are unsure how to secure a line to a deck cleat or what knots you should be using, have a look around at other boats or ask the dock master.

Summary

The use of improper or unsuitable dock lines is dangerous to both yours and other's boats, so be safe and courteous and use the required dock lines! Remember, good dock lines and good fenders are your first line of defense against hull damage. Use the nylon line that's correctly sized for your boat's length and weight, secure it properly and guard against chafe.

MEMBER NEWS

DOCKING



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



The Tonge's New Baby

Barry picked up his new boat in Birmingham, Alabama and brought her 3117 km back to Alberta. Neither sleet nor snow nor distance could hinder him !

Barry also completed his Intermediate Cruising CYA course over Easter out in B.C. Did the course with Cooper Boating out of Sydney. Sailed in a beautiful 37 ft Jeanneau.



Weather ranged from a day with warm sun and brisk 20 knot winds that allowed my helm work to hit 8.6 knots to several days of rain and little wind. Always good to be on the water.

MEMBER NEWS



Stuart & Jenny Sherwin spent two sun-soaked weeks in the BVI's in April. Yep, it's the sailing mecca of the caribbean.



We sailed an america's cup contender NZ 68 in Auckland harbour, was a lot of fun, the only modification was a lite rail around the outside ,we were supposed to matchrace NZ 41 but she wasn't ready that day. Cheers Steve and Karen



Ken and Linda recently had a chance to do some day sailing out of Victoria.



"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

Send us your pix and a short story on your adventures, share with our readers how you've been adventuring. Send pix / info to: stobbeco@shaw.ca

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RACE SCHEDULE

2011 SBYC / EYC CRUISER RACE SCHEDULE

JUNE

Sunday June 5	Spring Series Race Day 1	EYC / SBYC
Saturday June 11	Intercity Regatta Race Day 1	EYC
Sunday June 12	Intercity Regatta Race Day 2	EYC
	Spring Series Race Day 2	EYC
Sunday June 19	Spring Series Race Day 3	EYC / SBYC

JULY

Saturday July 1	Down The Lake Race	EYC / SBYC
Saturday July 9	Single Handed Race	SBYC
Wednesday July 6	Evening Pursuit Race 1	EYC / SBYC
Wednesday July 13	Evening Pursuit Race 2	EYC / SBYC
Saturday July 16	AOSA Fun Race	AOSA
Wednesday July 20	Evening Pursuit Race 3	EYC / SBYC
Wednesday July 27	Evening Pursuit Race 4	EYC / SBYC
Saturday July 30	SBYC Club Days	SBYC
Sunday July 31	Seba Days Games / Parade	EYC
	Seba Days Sailpast	
	Seba Beach Regatta	

AUGUST

Wednesday August 3	Evening Pursuit Race 5	EYC / SBYC
Saturday August 6	Jack & Jill Race	EYC / SBYC
Wednesday August 10	Evening Pursuit Race 6	EYC / SBYC
Saturday August 14	AOSA Voyage of Discovery	AOSA
Wednesday August 17	Evening Pursuit Race 7	EYC / SBYC
Wednesday August 24	Evening Pursuit Race 8	EYC / SBYC

SEPTEMBER

Saturday September 3	AOSA Alberta Cup Regatta Day 1	AOSA
Sunday September 4	AOSA Alberta Cup Regatta Day 2	AOSA
Sunday September 4	Fall Series Race Day 1	EYC / SBYC
Saturday September 10	Johnny Walker Cup	EYC / SBYC
Saturday September 10	Fall Series Race Day 2	EYC / SBYC
Sunday September 18	Fall Series Race Day 3	EYC / SBYC
Sunday September 25	Fall Series Race Day 4	EYC / SBYC

Spring Series - Sundays in June - Noon Start - \$35 Entry Fee

Evening Pursuit Series - Wednesdays in July & August - 7:00pm Start

Fall Series - Sundays in September - Noon Start - \$35 Entry Fee

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