

TYING UP YOUR BOAT BASIC STEPS TO SECURE YOUR BOAT

PREPARE LINES AND FENDERS

ATTACH FENDERS TO THE SIDE OF THE BOAT
TO PREVENT DAMAGE FROM CONTACT WITH THE DOCK.
PREPARE DOCK LINES: BOW. STERN AND SPRINGS



APPROACH DOCK CAREFULLY

REDUCE SPEED AS YOU NEAR DOCK.

APPROACH AT A SLIGHT ANGLE, INTO THE WIND AND CURRENT
FOR BETTER CONTROL



SECURE THE BOW LINE

LOOP THE BOW LINE THROUGH A CLEAT OR A POST ON THE DOCK.

TIE THE LINE USING A CLEAT HITCH OR ANOTHER SECURE KNOT



SECURE THE STERN LINE

RUN THE STERN LINE FROM THE BOAT'S STERN
TO A CLEAT OR POST ON THE DOCK.
ENSURE IT IS TIED SECURELY WITHOUT SLACK
BUT NOT OVERLY TIGHT



ATTACH SPRING LINES

FORWARD SPRING: ATTACH FROM A CLEAT NEAR BOW TO A

DOCK CLEAT FURTHER BACK

AFT SPRING: ATACH FROM A STERN CLEAT TO A DOCK CLEAT

CLOSER TO THE BOW.

THESE HELP PREVENT THE BOAT MOVING FORWARD AND BACK



CHECK THE TENSION AND KNOTS

ADJUST THE TENSION OF EACH LINE TO ALLOW MINIMAL MOVEMENT,
ACCOUNTING FOR TIDES AND WATER MOVEMENT.
USE STRONG, RELIABLE KNOTS LIKE THE CLEAT HITCH OR
A BOWLINE KNOT.
AVOID COMPLICATED KNOTS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO UNTIE



DOUBLE-CHECK EVERYTHING

ENSURE THE BOAT IS STABLE AND CAN NOT DRIFT
OR BUMP HARD AGAINST THE DOCK.
COIL AND NEATLY SECURE ANY EXCESS LINE ON THE DOCK
TO PREVENT TRIPPING HAZARDS



FOLLOWING THESE STEPS, YOU'LL KEEP YOUR BOAT SAFE AND SECURE WHILE IT'S MOORED