

# Halyard: Sails Lowered

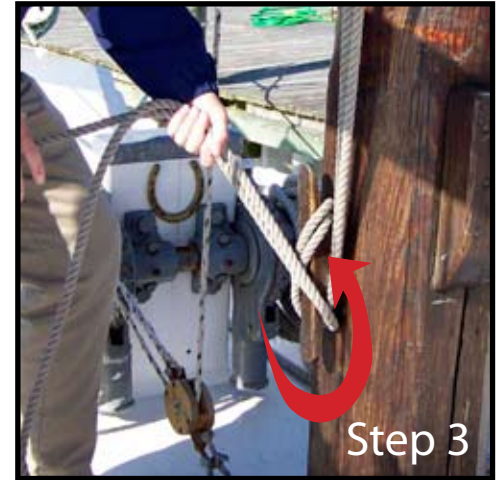
This is the method we use to secure either the main halyard (shown here) or the jib halyard to their cleats on the mast when the sails are down.



Step 1:  
Bring the halyard and downhaul together down on the aft side of the cleat and up on the fore side.



Step 2: Start Figure Eight  
Keeping both lines together, start your figure eight. No need for a full wrap here, as there is no tension on the lines when the sails are down.



Step 3:  
Bring the lines under the cleat and across again.



Step 4:  
Give the lines a clockwise half twist and form a loop. Place it over the horn so that the beginning of the loop comes diagonally up and across the front of the cleat and lies over the end of the lines, which should lie parallel to the diagonal wrap below it.



Step 5:  
Pull on the ends to tighten the loop.



Step 6:  
Wrap the extra line around the cleat to stow it neatly.

The jib halyard is secured the same way on the cleat on the starboard side of the mast.

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