
Make Your Own Jacklines

Materials Needed:

- 1" Heavyweight Webbing
- Wichard Snap Hook
- V-92 Thread

Extra Offshore, Night, & Heavy Weather Protection

Jacklines provide a convenient, safe way of attaching yourself to the boat via your safety harness tether. They should be run down both sides of the boat, aft of the helmsman and anywhere needed for safe movement on deck.

Jacklines can be made from webbing, line or wire rope. We recommend the use of a 1" UV resistant nylon webbing with a 4,700 lb. breaking strength. This webbing exceeds ORC specifications, does not roll under foot and stores easily. Webbing loses strength under long exposure to sunlight; so, rinse with water & store when not in use.

To attach the jackline to the boat, use a Wichard Snap Hook securely sewn to one end of the webbing. The snap hook end is then attached to a strong point—a pad eye, a stemhead fitting or a cleat and the plain bitter end is cleated aft. (Jacklines should be as taut as possible. Cleating makes tension adjustment easy.)

Order Materials:

- 1) Measure the areas where jacklines should be run. Remember it is best to position them as far inboard as possible so you can clip on your harness tether before stepping out of the cockpit.
- 2) Add 3 ft. of extra webbing for cleating and tying off. And another 1/2 ft. for sewing on the snap hook. For example, a 35' jackline needs 38.5' of webbing and one Wichard Snap hook.
- 3) Also needed are sewing machine thread (we recommend V-92) and a hot knife or soldering gun to seal the webbing ends.

