



## Pearls FROM THE CHEST

Some tips from members of the crew

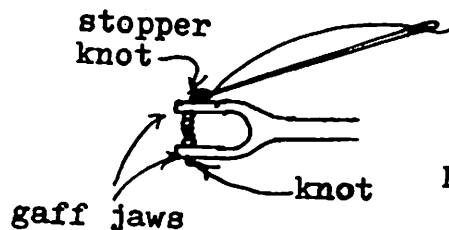
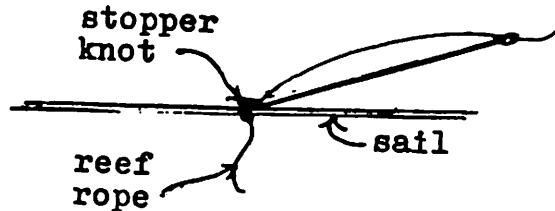
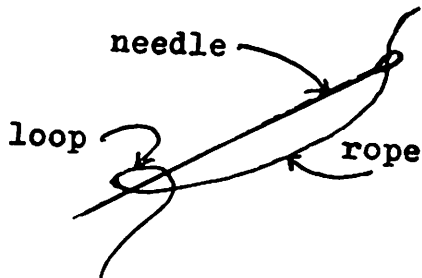
### "STOPPER" KNOTS

Here is a simple easy method I have used for tying "stopper" knots when installing reef ropes on sails, and on the ends of parrel ropes. The knots snug up where you want them without any undesirable slack.

Reef ropes: Tie a "stopper" knot in your reef rope and pull the rope through the sail with a needle. Press the needle point tightly against the sail where the rope comes through. Now make one or two loops around the needle point, and pull the needle through the loops holding the knot being formed close against the back up knot on the opposite side of the sail. Trim the reef ropes to the proper length on both sides of the sail, and proceed with the rest of them.

Boom and gaff parrels: After the rope is threaded through the parrel rollers, and is secured by a knot at one end of the gaff or boom jaw tie a stopper knot with the needle as you did for the reef ropes.

P.S. After a lot of fumbling around trying to do a neat job on my reef ropes my wife took pity on me, and showed me how it should be done!



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