

How to Use Mooring Whips to Protect Your Boat

- **Attach Lines**
 1. Connect bow and stern lines running from whip poles to boat using eyelet at bow for bow line and port-side handle for stern line—don't tie with knot yet.
 2. Attach spring lines to fore and aft anchor points.
 3. Now, secure bow and stern whip lines to boat's cleats using cleat hitch knots.
- **Tighten Bow Whip Line.**
 1. Pull boat to dock and climb out.
 2. Untie bow whip line from cleats on whip and base.
 3. Pull line to tighten; whip will begin to bend.
 4. Poles should be slightly bent but without too much tension.
 5. Allow boat to float away from dock until bow, stern, and spring lines stop it.
 6. Readjust tension as needed.
- **Repeat for Stern Whip Line.**
 1. Repeat so bend is the same in both whips to avoid placing too much stress on one.
 2. Tie both whip lines to base and upper cleats on respective whips using cleat hitch knots.
- **Secure Additional Bow and Stern Lines.**

Secure additional lines from bow and stern to dock. These can be attached to the same dock cleats as your spring lines and affixed to bow eye and port-side handle boat.

How to Untie Your Boat from Mooring Whips

1. Untie bow line from base and upper cleats on whip. Let tension out of line but do not let go.
2. Tie a figure-eight knot at end of whip line to prevent it from running out through line roller.
3. Pass line under base cleat and secure it to upper cleat with a cleat hitch knot.
4. Repeat to release tension from stern whip line and secure it.
5. Use lines to pull boat toward dock and climb in.
6. Untie bow and stern lines from cleats on and hang lines from upper cleats on whips to keep them out of the way.
7. Unhook spring lines from bow and stern of boat and place unhooked ends on dock.
8. Disconnect bow and stern lines from boat and toss them onto dock before shoving off and idling clear of dock.

If you still have questions about using mooring whips to protect your boat, please feel free to call Bill at 518-762-2093 and he will assist you.