

William H. Seward Yacht Club

Splicing Class, 2014

What to bring to class. Other than the BrionToss Splicing Wand and the markers, all materials are available at West Marine.

You can make two splices from one length, one at each end. More practice splices mean more pieces of rope.

1. 6-10 feet of three strand rope, 1/2-5/8 inch diameter for ease of handling. More trumps less.

2. 10 feet of double braid Dacron, 5/16-3/8-inch diameter. Colored rope is a

good choice for learning.

3. Brion Toss Splicing Wand for the range of rope that you'll be using most frequently. You can use other brands, but this is what I use and what I teach. At left., above.

<http://www.briontoss.com/catalog/splicinggear.html>

4. Fid for three strand splices. It's your choice for design, but personally, I prefer the hollow Bainbridge-style fids. At right.

5. Tape: I prefer blue masking tape, but almost any tape will suffice.

6. Whipping Twine: This is available in various colors so have fun. Larger spool numbers mean larger diameter twine. I use #10 since I have large hands.

7. Measuring device: tape measure, ruler, etc. Cloth tape measures store easily and don't rust.

8. Marking Pen such as a Sharpie or other marker. 3 colors make learning a bit easier, but are not needed later.

9. Scissors or knife that is SHARP! You must be able to easily cut the line! An electric hot knife will also work well.

10. Thimble, if you wish to practice splicing them into a line. At right. I prefer nylon over galvanized because they don't rust, damage decks, or cost as much as stainless steel, but they're larger than either because of strength.

Other items to consider for your "Ditty Bag":

Sailmaker's Palm (right or left hand)

Sailmaker's needle selection

