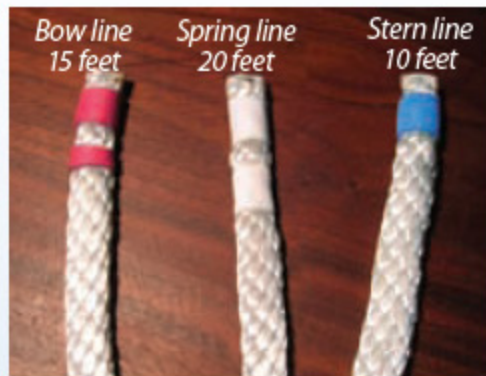


MARKING DOCK LINES

I have been a sailor for 60-plus years, sailing and owning boats including a Morgan 30, a Tartan 34, and a Bristol 40. Frequently having well-meaning landlubbers as guests, I've devised ways to make my guests feel safe, relatively relaxed, and useful. One way is by marking dock lines with colored



Marking dock lines according to length and station identifies them for newcomers.

heat-shrink tubing to make them easily identified. (See photo below.) My experienced crew also finds the marked lines logical and useful.

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It started using a metallic tape (see photo), and this has worked just beautifully. It's Gardener Holographic Scare Tape, made by Dalen (www.gardeneer.com), sold in 100 foot rolls. Mine cost \$5.49 at a local hardware store.

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FOULING FOWLS

Birds fouling the boat have been a problem for years, despite our best efforts at using paste-like bird de-

tractors. Recently, I