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# The Bullship Log

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Monthly Meeting  
Harlem Township Hall  
Monday - March 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

## Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Sailors!

If you missed the last meeting we had some interesting facts from the US Coast Guard boating statistics.

The number of boat registrations in the US has actually increased. You are safer to be out sailing than tied to a dock. You are safer to be out sailing than in a canoe or kayak (although this may be because of the number of canoes and kayaks being used)

The number one factor that contributed to accidents was not paying attention. Lack of training and inexperience is also a factor in accidents.

I think that to sail requires that we pay attention. It is not something you can do casually although people with experience can make it look easy.

As a club I think we should strive to sail safely by wearing a life jacket, getting training and help from other's experience and being aware of other boaters around us. This is another advantage of being a member of a club like RYC. You can learn from others and have a great time sailing with them.

Do you have a sailing or safety tip to share with the club? Send them to me @ [blackenergy@charter.net](mailto:blackenergy@charter.net) and I will see they get put into the newsletter. It can be a short sentence about something you do when sailing, navigating, towing your boat, maintenance, etc. Or it can be longer and include photos. Why not share what you know?

Join your friends of the Rockford Yacht Club for some corned beef and cabbage this St. Patrick's day (3/17) at The Poison Ivy Pub in Roscoe.

See you at the Meeting on Monday (3/20)

As I write this it is still snowing, but spring and sailing will be here soon!!! The first day of spring is the RYC meeting night!

Commodore Brian

## Maintenance Tips to Share ~BrianBlack



The dot on a spray can is used to show the position of the pickup tube in the bottom of the can. Position the nozzle toward the dot if spraying downward. If tilting the can upward, position the nozzle away from the dot.



Tie wraps can be re-used if cut properly. Just cut it on the side shown and pull the cut end through. You now have a reusable tie wrap (for a smaller bundle)

### Additional Tie Wrap Talk ~Marty O'Connor

I never knew the purpose of the dot on the spray can. Thanks, Brian.

Years of working with tie-wraps while wiring and repairing machine control panels gives me a few more ideas to expound in detail on Brian's tips.

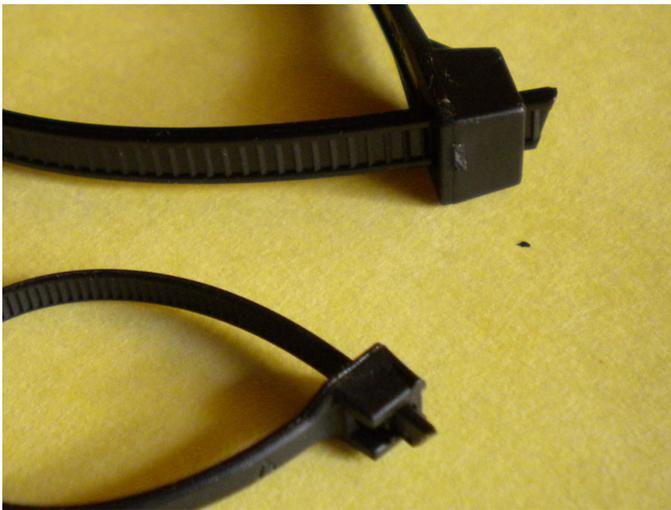


When installing bundles, be it tubing, wiring harness or whatever, you can use quick release clips or ties to open up for sorting or adding lines.

These can also be a huge time saver while untangling things during troubleshooting and retrofitting.



Tensioning and trimming cable ties for permanent installation presents its own frustrations, and you want to avoid leaving sharp stubs that can cause damage to adjacent hoses or electrical insulation, or even serious injury.



Special tools are available for this task, at widely varying prices, so justifying their purchase will depend on how much you intend to use one.



Cable Tie Gun, HD, 100 lb., SS

DOLPHIN COMPONENTS CORP  
Zoro #: G4786731 | Mfr #: CTG-6

**\$113.92**  
In stock   
This item ships FREE.



Narrow Cable Tie Gun, 50 to 120 lb., Nylon

PANDUIT  
Zoro #: G1926863 | Mfr #: GTH

**\$305.87**  
Limited Stock   
This item ships FREE.



Cable Tie Gun, LD, 18 to 50 lb., Nylon

TY-RAP(R)  
Zoro #: G1304484 | Mfr #: QC-100

**\$13.64**  
In stock   
Orders over \$50 ship FREE.

In lieu of a special tool, take care to trim the stub perfectly flush with a sharp knife, if practical. Otherwise, snip close and perpendicular, never angled as shown above.

To read more about the physical dangers, see the entertaining article [here](#):

[goo.gl/IRqXKE](http://goo.gl/IRqXKE)



Cable Tie Tension Tool, CrV, Ergonomic

STANLEY  
Zoro #: G1804175 | Mfr #: FMHT...

**\$30.19**



Cable Tie Gun, Std., 200 to 600 lb., SS

PANDUIT  
Zoro #: G3041087 | Mfr #: GS4MT

**\$755.38**



Cable Tie Gun, HD, 200 to 800 lb., SS

PANDUIT  
Zoro #: G3483977 | Mfr #: ST2MT

**\$312.24**