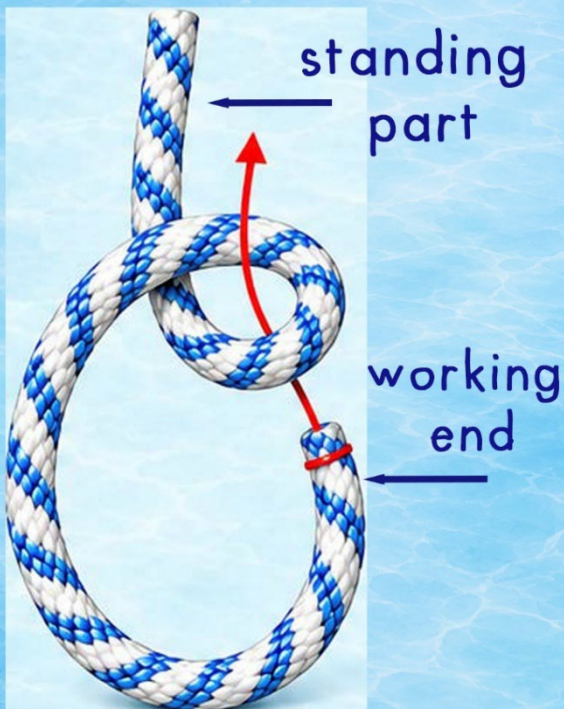


THE BOWLINE



The bowline is one of the most useful knots we have. It makes a fixed loop at the end of a rope that won't slip or tighten when it holds something that puts weight on it. The best thing about it is it's not hard to undo.

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Rope Part Names

Standing part: The part of the rope not being worked with.

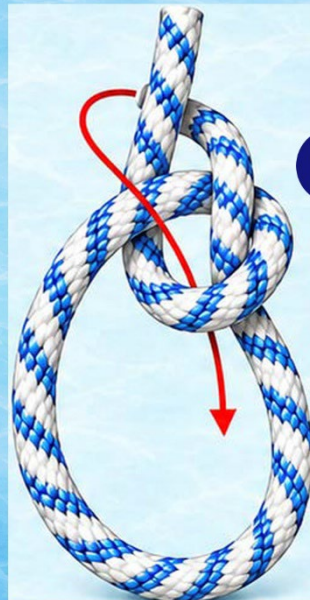
Working end: The tail of the rope you use to tie the knot.

Instructions



1 Pass the working end through the rope loop.

Instructions



2 Pass it behind the standing part and through the loop again.

Instructions



3 Hold the loop and working end and pull to tighten.

Instructions



4 Voila! Your knot is made.



Beware! The knot will come undone if it doesn't have weight on it.



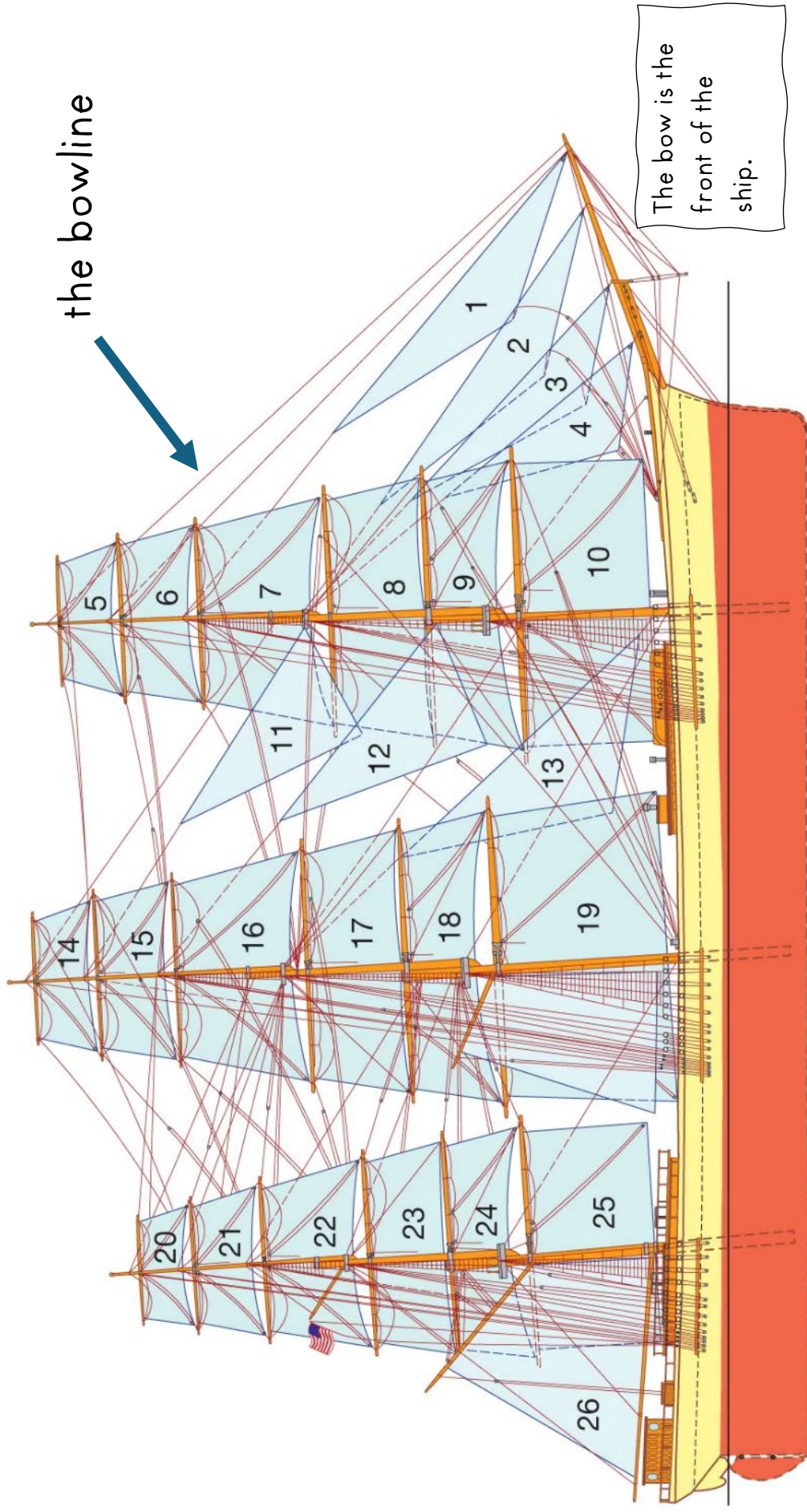
"Boling knot" is
the old fashioned
name for the
bowline.



The name comes
from the bowline,
a line on a
square-rigged
ship's sail.



The bowline knot was the
knot used to tie the bowline
rope to the sail.



- (1) flying jib. (2) outer jib. (3) inner jib. (4) jib. (5) fore skysail. (6) fore royal. (7) fore topgallant sail. (8) fore upper topsail. (9) fore lower topsail. (10) foresail. (11) main royal staysail. (12) main topgallant staysail. (13) main topmast staysail. (14) main skysail. (15) main royal. (16) main topgallant sail. (17) main upper topsail. (18) main lower topsail. (19) mainsail. (20) mizzen skysail. (21) mizzen royal. (22) mizzen topgallant sail. (23) mizzen upper topsail. (24) mizzen lower topsail. (25) crossjack. (26) spanker or driver.

WHEN CAN YOU USE A BOWLINE?



Camping



Climbing



Sailing



For rescues

Climbers and rescuers also add a stopper knot to help stop the bowline coming undone.

We'll look at that next time.

