

## Double Duty

As with most marine safety gear, three-point tethers have their pluses and minuses: added security vs. added discomfort. Having one short leg and one long leg, the double tether allows you to stay attached to the boat as you move around. But this also means more weight and more dangling bits that can get tangled.

The double tethers we tested weighed between 1.2 pounds (Plastimo with Gibb hooks and Suspenders with snap hooks) and 1.5 pounds (Plastimo with screw-gate hooks). In comparison, the single tethers ranged from 0.9 pounds (West Marine elastic tether with Wichard hook) to 1 pound (West Marine non-elastic with Gibb or snap hook and Plastimo with screw-gate hook). So, on average, using a double tether means you'll be schlepping around about 5 ounces more gear than if you use a single tether. The exception is the one-pound Jim-Buoy double tether, which *PS* does not recommend.



**Suspenders Double**



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