

# Pushing Gear to the Limits

Chandleries are awash in docking and mooring aids, chafe protection, and snubbers, but many of them carry some caveats that aren't so boldly advertised:

1. The Tideminders from Go With the Flow Solutions rise and fall with the tide, but line should be over-sized as the knots will reduce the line's strength.
2. Fiorentino's RodeRap uses Velcro closures around the line, making the fabric covering easy to install and adjust. Good chafe gear allows water and air to circulate, preventing heat build-up in lines.
3. A loop allows a light line to be attached to keep the RodeRap chafe gear from slipping.
4. Light snubbers like the Davis Line Snubber reduce loads on docklines in ordinary conditions, but will likely be overpowered in a storm. As with the Tideminders, the knots will weaken the dock line.
5. For areas with limited swinging room, the Colligo Hurricane Anchor System allows three large anchors to be set. Each anchor, by itself, should be capable of taking the full load of the boat.

