

Splice-ability

Once you get into high-tech ropes with cores of Vectran, Dyneema, Spectra, or other high-tech materials, a conventional double-braid splice (at right) will not provide sufficient holding power. Most of the high-tech ropes call for a more difficult, core-to-core splice. Most cordage suppliers can do the splice for about \$15-\$30; some riggers may charge more. Cruising sailors will want to be able to splice their own halyards, since a rigger may not be at hand when it comes time to change the nip.

