

### Jackline Tips

It is good to remember that for clipping a tether hook onto a jackline, you should develop a side-arm swiping motion that picks up the jackline by scraping the hook along the deck underneath it. This method can be done one-handed and is faster than picking up the jackline with one hand and hooking onto it with the other.

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*A sewn-in loop, like this one can offer an additional measure of security in heavy weather. Loops should not be so large that tether clips cannot slide over them without hanging up.*

For foredeck work, some sailors like to stitch small loops into the jacklines. These also can be located in places where a fixed clip-in is helpful but otherwise impractical. These allow a harnessed crew member to alternately hook the tether into a loop, preventing him from being swept aft should he lose his footing during a foredeck drill in heavy seas. The loops should be small enough that the tether clips can slide over them and, of course, large enough to quickly clip into. Forming the loop with a separate, overlapping piece of jackline may allow clips to more easily pass over the loops, but these must be ruggedly bar-tacked in place with no chance of stitching failure. And finally, any system that requires a sailor to unclip and re-clip makes him vulnerable while he's unclipped.