

HOW TO SEPARATE A GROMMET FROM THE MOTHERLINE



STRETCHING MOTHERLINE EYE OVER TOW BOLLARD

PRIOR TO WINCHING TIGHT TO LOOSEN COWHITCH

If the cowhitch that joins the mother towline to the grommet has been done correctly; to separate the motherline and grommet is simply a matter of placing the eye of the motherline over the towing staple, or if not suitable a bollard, and winching the motherline tight with the winch. This technique loosens the cowhitch 'knot' enabling the two ropes to be separated. This is of course important so as to rotate the grommet and or crop and re-splice the motherline.

It is very important the connecting 'cowhitch' joining the 'Grommet' and 'Mother' towlines is set correctly. Failure to do this makes separating the two, by putting the eye of the motherline over a wide bollard, impossible. Also the MBL of the grommet is decreased by setting the 'cow hitch' incorrectly.

The correctly applied 'cow hitch' should look similar to a reef knot, whereby the grommet line runs around the neck of the 'mother' line's eye splice and out through the bight. (See photo below)

