

Walt Crawford gave a knot tying presentation attended by a dozen or more BYC members on Saturday. Many of us who thought we knew everything there was to know, found out that we were wrong.



Did you know there is only one right way to fasten a line to a dock cleat? Or that a half hitch

in the middle of a line reduces line strength by fifty percent?



If you're like me, you probably thought the bowline was the about only knot one needs to know to be a sailor. The bowline retains about 73% of its original strength, and is more reliable under heavy load than light.



One of the more useful Knots demonstrated was the Round Turn and Two Half Hitches. This is the perfect knot for use in attaching a mooring line to a dock pole or ring.

Walt took us through the vices and virtues of many knots to allow us to make our own choice as to which was the best for our own uses.



The Carrick Bend can be used to tie two lines together, but can work its way loose and is often difficult to tie correctly.

I could go on and on... but I'll sum it up here. Walt is an experienced mountain climber and those guy's lives depend on knots. After his presentation, we tried to duplicate his knot tying skills, and with lots of help, some of us succeeded. You can catch up on some of what you missed by visiting this very informative website. Just click <http://www.animatedknots.com/indexboating.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

We were joined by many more BYC members after the knot tying presentation for an informal dinner we'll call "Bring Your Favorite Appetizer and Let's Throw Something on the Grill" night! It was a rousing success with many bringing "sides" instead of appetizers. Goodies were plentiful and everyone got exactly what they wanted. Mark Hiler presided over the grill and showed us all how it's done.