

**LINE HANDLING COMMANDS**

This Enclosure provides a list of standard line handling commands to meet the requirements of this Manual.

<b><u>COMMAND</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
PUT OVER (line number)	Pass the specified line to the pier and provide enough slack to allow line handlers to place the line over the bit, cleat, or bollard.
HOLD (line number)	Do not let any more line out even though the risk of parting may exist.
CHECK (line number)	Hold heavy tension on the specified line but render it as necessary to prevent parting the line.
SURGE (line number)	Hold moderate tension on a line but render it enough to permit movement of the ship.
EASE (line number)	Let a line out until it is under less tension, but not slacked.
SLACK (line number)	Take all tension off a line.
TAKE THE SLACK OUT OF (line number)	Take all the slack out of a line, but do not take a strain.
SHIFT (line number)	Move a line to the specified location.
HEAVE AROUND ON (line number)	Take a strain on a line.
TAKE (line number) TO POWER	Take the specified line to the capstan or gypsy head and make ready to heave around (DO NOT heave around until told to do so).
SINGLE UP (line number)	Take in all but one bight so there remains a single part to the line. Can also be used to single up all normal mooring lines.
DOUBLE UP (line number)	Pass an additional bight on the specified line so there are three parts to the line. This can also be used to double up all normal mooring lines. Cutters without sufficient mooring line for three parts should just pass the bitter end of the single up to the pier.
AVAST or AVAST HEAVING (line number)	Stop taking a strain on a line with capstan.
CAST OFF (line number)	When using another ship's lines to secure your ship, it means to cast off the ends of their lines.
TAKE IN (line number)	Allow the pier line handler enough slack to take the line off the fitting and bring the line aboard. Used when secured with your own line.
STAND BY YOUR LINES	Man the lines, ready to cast off or moor.
BACK EASY	A command to the capstan operator to ease tension on the line once the stopper is passed. This command is given before up-behind.
UP-BEHIND	Cease hauling on the line and slack it quickly.

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