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KNOT TYING: THE BASIC KNOTS

A NEW "MINI-COURSE"

The Department of Education is pleased to introduce this new "Mini-Course". It consists of a CD-ROM and two pieces of practice rope housed in an attractive plastic container. The CD-ROM has short video demonstrations on how to tie the 21 basic knots. Those are:

Square Knot or Reef Knot
French Bowline Knot
Surgeon's Knot
Bowline on a Bight
Overhand Knot
Linesman Loop
Figure Eight Knot

Alpine Butterfly
Stevedore's Knot
Man Harness
Fisherman's Knot
Sheepshank Knot
Sheet Bend
Half, Double Half Knot

Double Sheet Bend
Round Turn, Half Hitch
Water Knot
Slip Clove Hitch
Thief's Knot
Fisherman's Bend
Bowline Knot

This mini-course" is suitable for use as an instructor aid in demonstrating knot tying in the classroom or as a self-study course. For classroom use, it can be incorporated into any of the Auxiliary courses or offered as a one lesson, stand-alone course. Flotillas are encouraged to provide the mini-course to students by incorporating the package in a course by making an additional charge for everyone or selling it on an optional basis only to those student who want to buy it.

The mini-course also makes an excellent item to offer for sale at VSC ramp sessions, boat shows, or to other organizations (such as marine police, firemen, police officers, and schools) that have a need for an effective Knot Tying course. Advertising and public service announcements in the local media may also represent an effective sales outlet.

"Knot Tying: The Basic Knots" is available through the District Materials Officers. As with all Auxiliary courses, Flotillas may set their own retail price to reflect local market conditions. As a guideline it would appear, from prior public sales of the product, that most markets will respond to pricing somewhere between \$20 and \$30 per course.

This mini-course is one of the first multiple use courses to incorporate modern learning technology. We are confident Flotillas will find it provides an added PE benefit for the boating public.

TIE ONE ON!!!

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