

UPGRADING TO AMSTEEL LIFELINES ON AN ALOHA 8.5

DAMN IT'S RAINING



GOT SOME INSTRUCTIONS

INVOICES

SHACKLES

AN STEEL

SOME JOHNSON  
PELICAN HOOKS

STYLUS FROM A PALM,  
A PEN CAP AND A REAL  
SPLICING TOOL

FUNNY BACKWARDS VERSION

SINGLE BRAID EYE SPLICE

ALSO GOT A QUICK LESSON FROM NICHOLAS AT  
THE CHANDLERY, APPARENTLY I NEED TO DO TWO  
DIFFERENT SPLICES AS THE NORMAL SPLICE  
REQUIRES PASSING THE OTHER END OF THE LINE  
(NOW ATTACHED TO MY STANTION) THROUGH IT



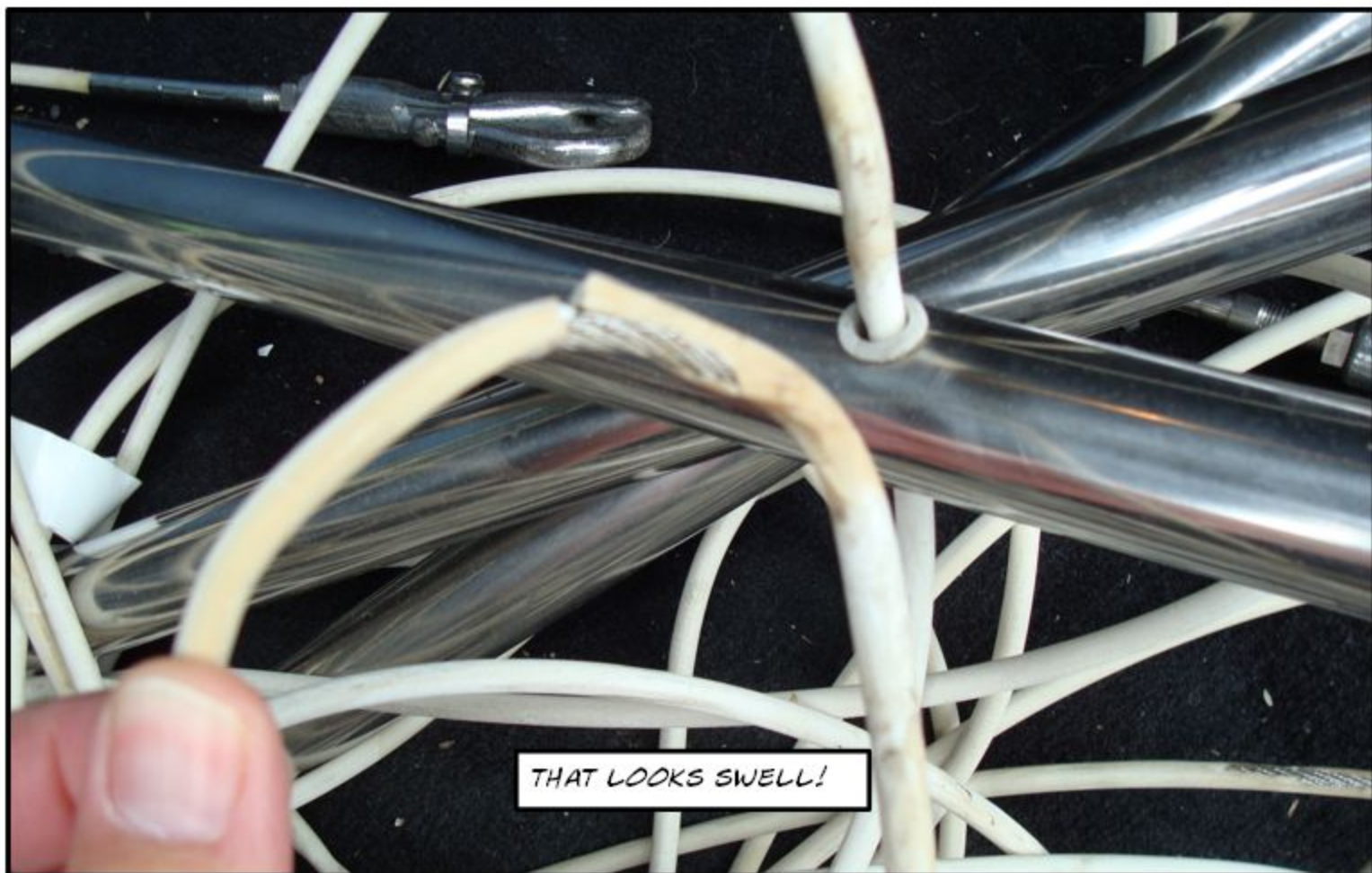
A photograph of a dense forest with many green trees. The trees are in the foreground and background, creating a sense of depth. The leaves are bright green, and the trunks are dark. The sky is visible through the canopy, appearing overcast and grey. In the center of the image, there is a white rectangular box with a black border containing the text "STILL RAINING".

STILL RAINING



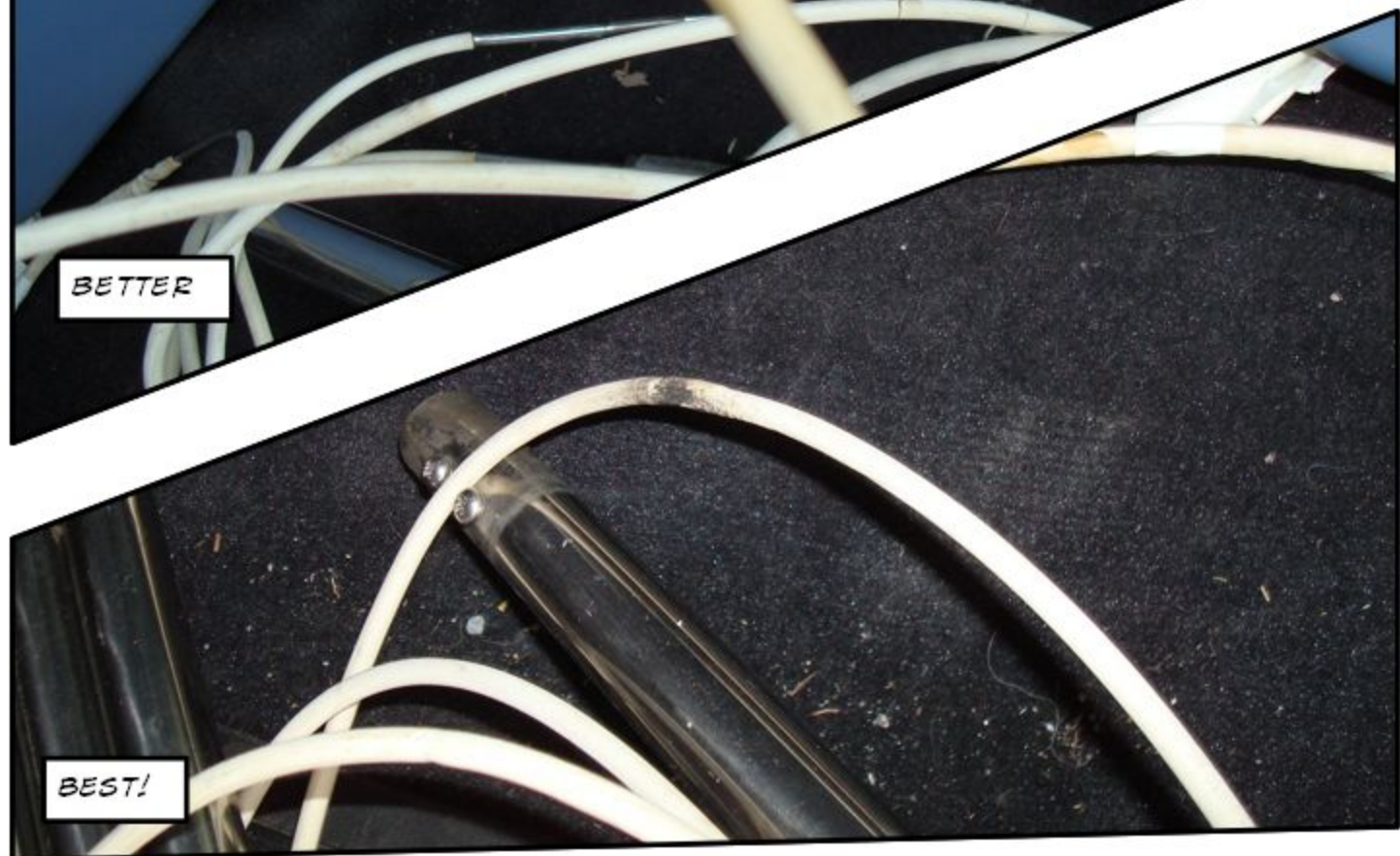
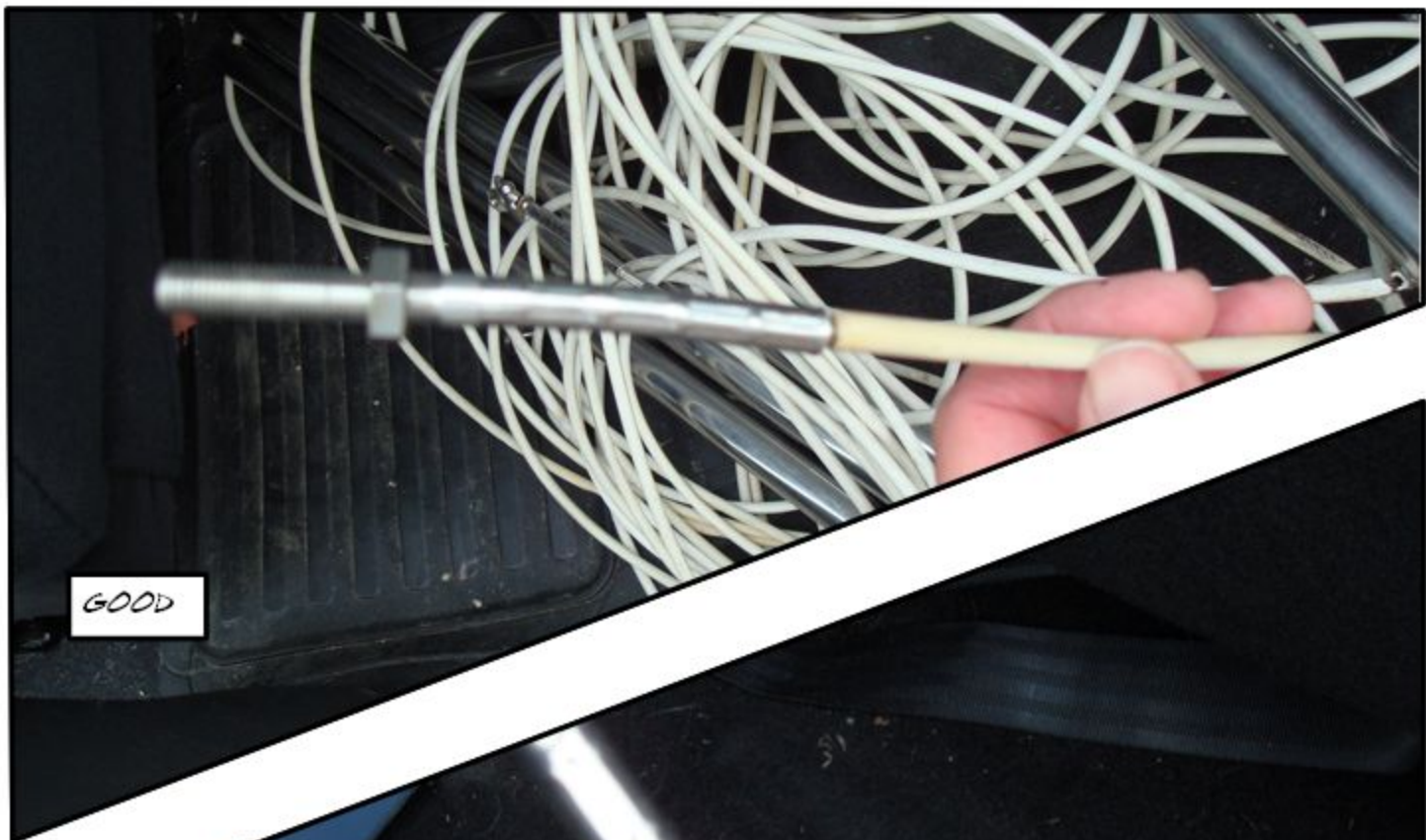


HERE ARE THE OLD  
LIFELINES ALL TANGLED UP  
IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK



THAT LOOKS SWELL!







LIFELINES SANS SUPREMACY



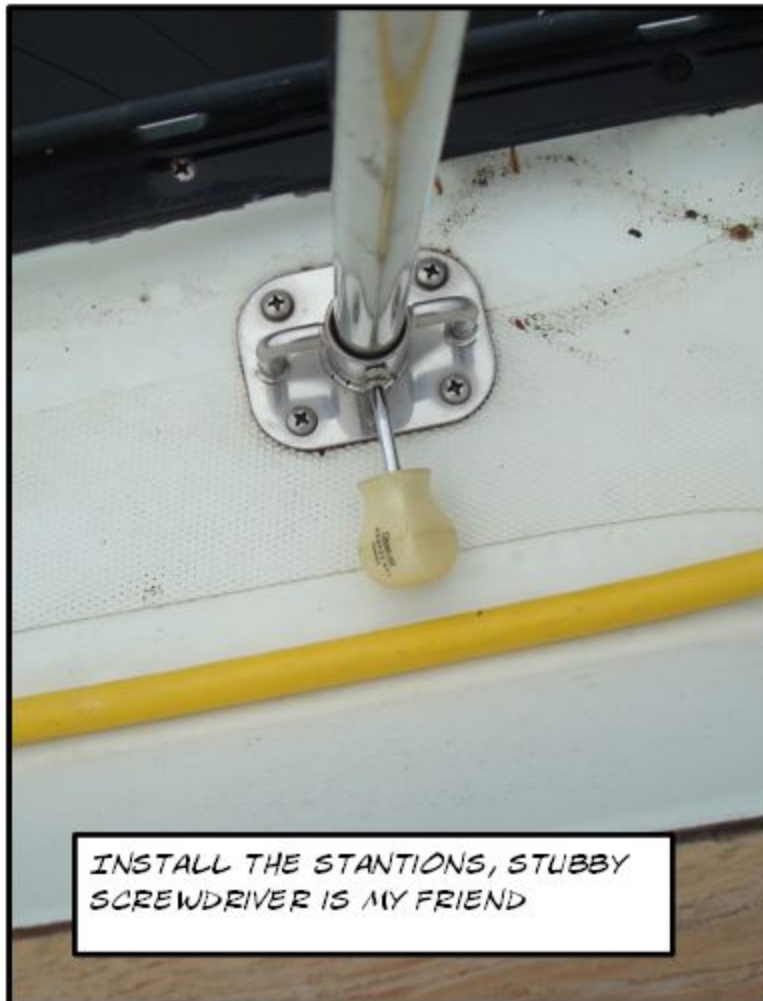
SPARE PARTS



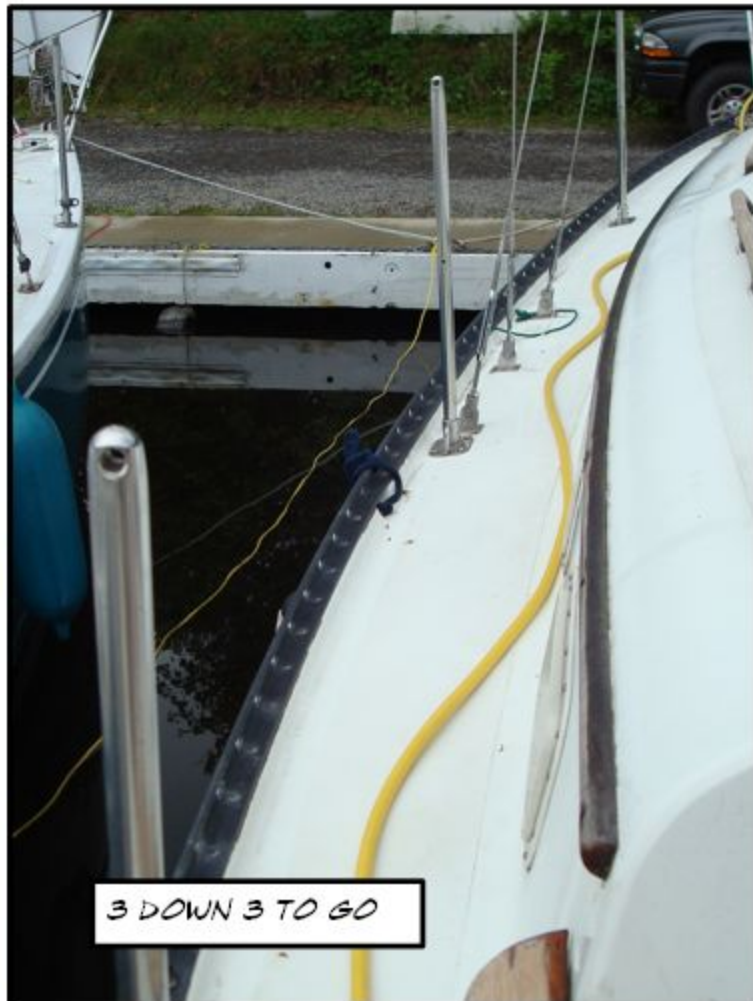
SUPREMACY SANS LIFELINES







INSTALL THE STANTIONS, STUBBY  
SCREWDRIVER IS MY FRIEND



3 DOWN 3 TO GO



TIME TO FIND A SPARE SCREW, THAT  
\$3.00 BAG OF ASSORTED STAINLESS  
HARDWARE SURE HAS COME IN HANDY



NICHOLAS SAID IT WOULD FIT, LOOKS  
KIND OF TIGHT TO ME, UMM SHOULD I  
START TO WORRY?



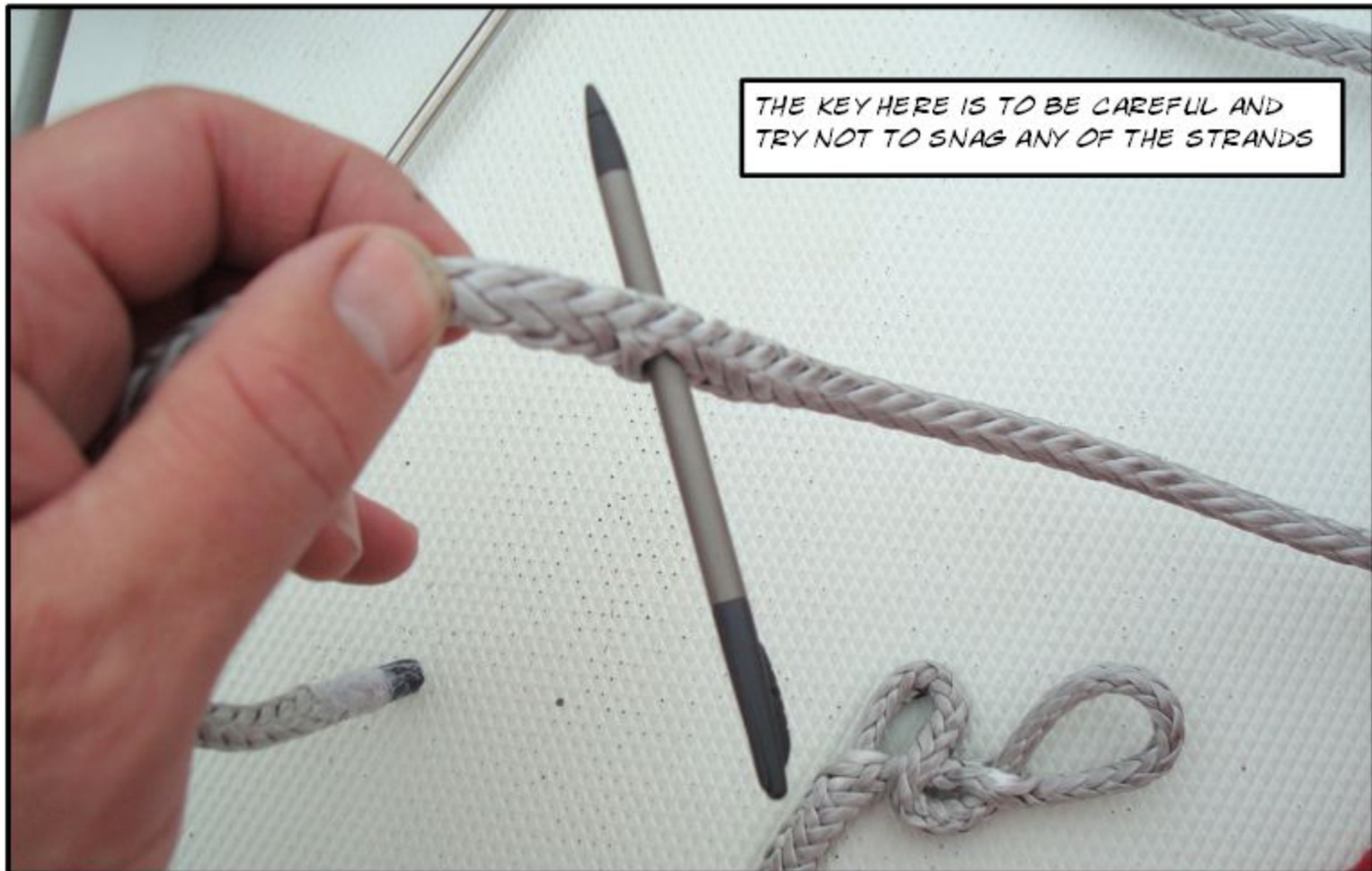
OK TIME TO THROW  
CAUTION TO THE WINDS  
AND GET STARTED

THINK I HAVE EVERYTHING

STEP 1, POKE A HOLE IN THE LINE WITH  
THE STYLUS FROM THE PALM PILOT,  
NICHOLAS SAID I DID NOT NEED ANY  
FANCY TOOLS TO DO THIS JUST A CAP  
FROM A PEN, WE SHALL SEE.

THIS IS EASY!





THE KEY HERE IS TO BE CAREFUL AND  
TRY NOT TO SNAG ANY OF THE STRANDS




I FEEL FOOLISH  
BUT SO FAR SO  
GOOD

STICK THE CAP OF THE PEN  
ON THE END OF THE LINE



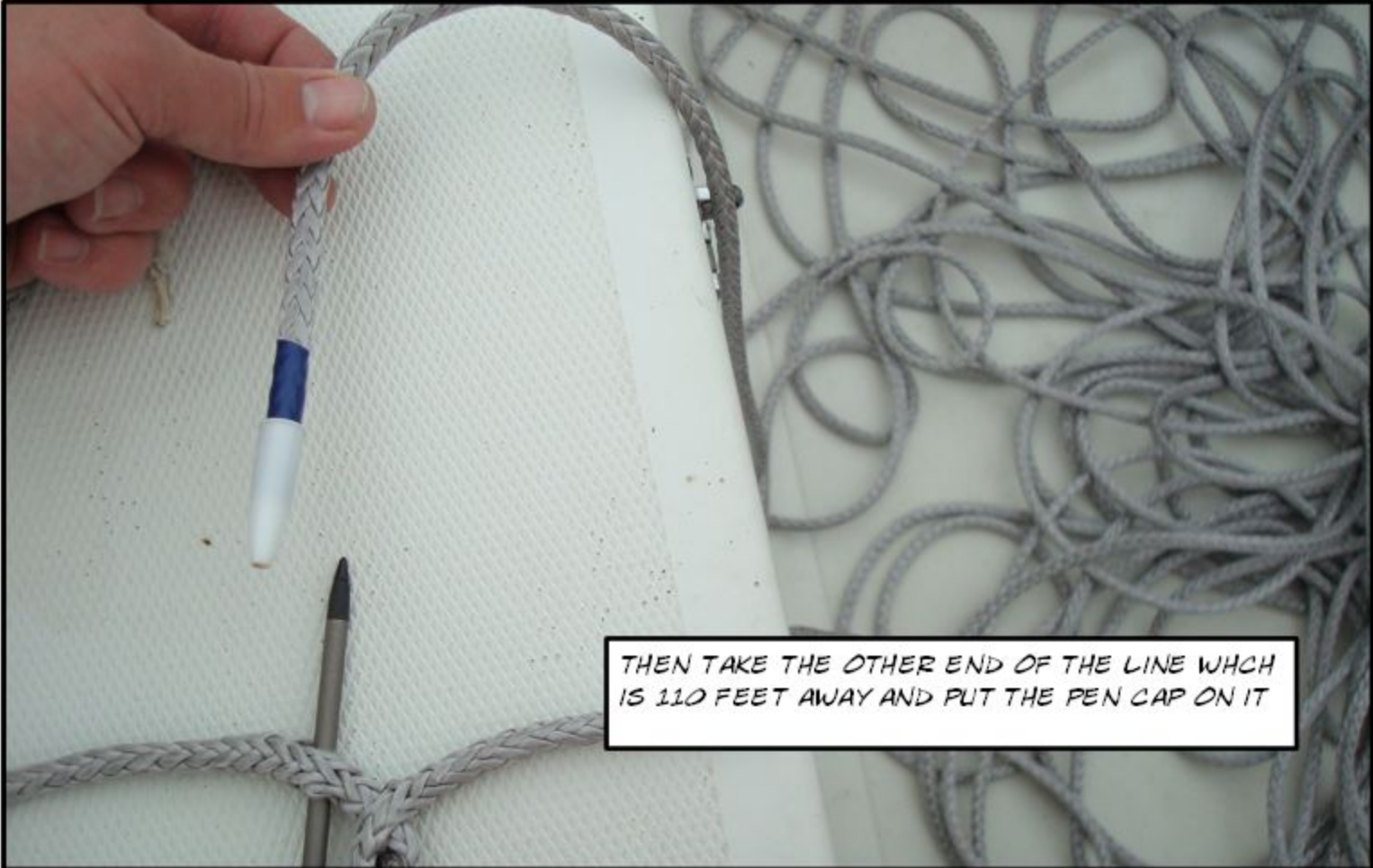






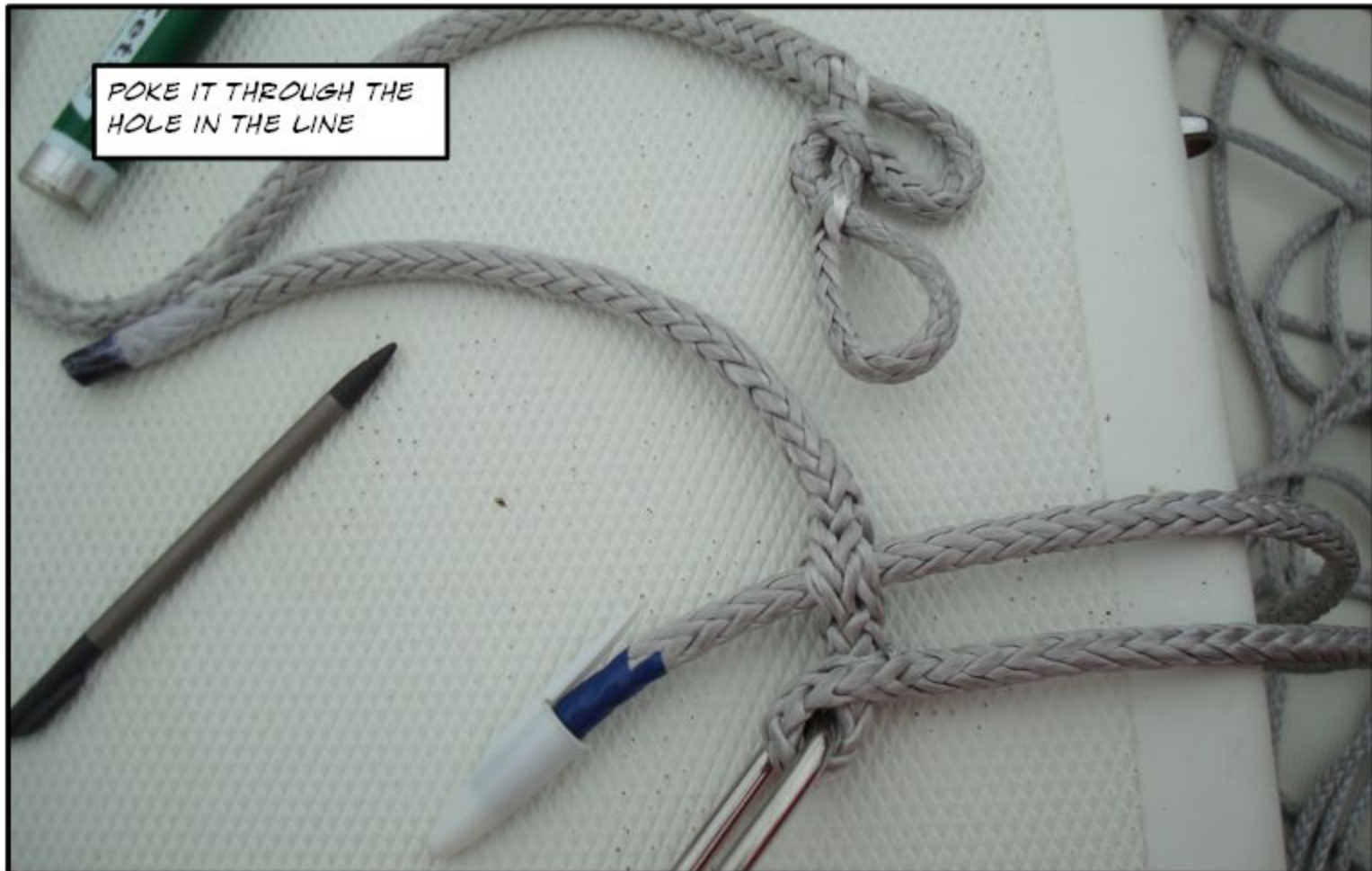
POKE ANOTHER HOLE IN THE  
LINE WITH THE STYLUS

I'LL PUT A  
SHACKLE ON MAYBE  
IT WILL MAKE  
THINGS EASIER

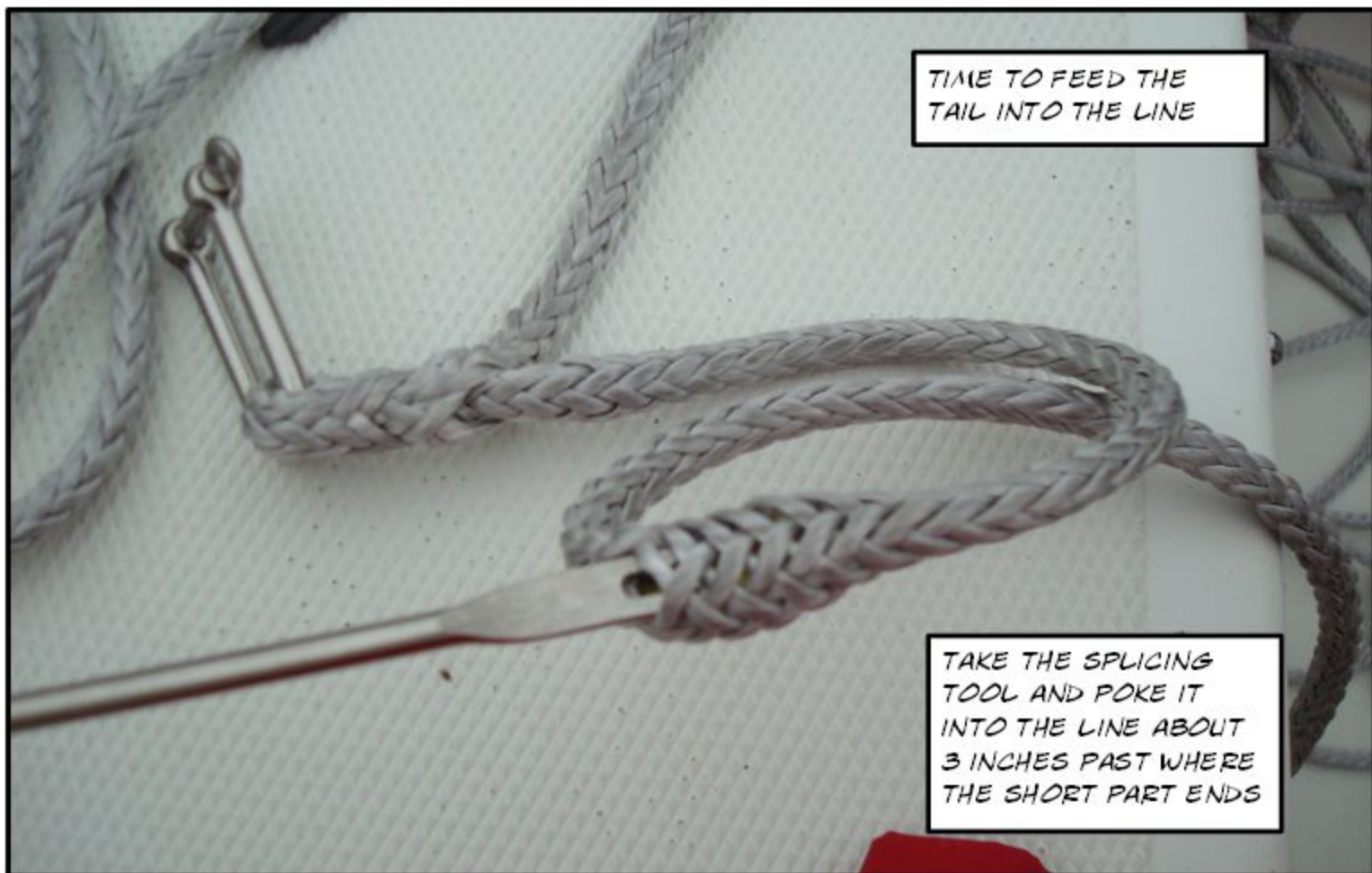


THEN TAKE THE OTHER END OF THE LINE WHICH  
IS 110 FEET AWAY AND PUT THE PEN CAP ON IT












A close-up photograph of a white braided rope lying on a white textured surface. A metal tool, which appears to be a long, thin, flat piece with a loop at one end, is inserted into the rope. The rope is coiled around the tool, and the tool is positioned horizontally. The rope has a black cap at one end.

AND EXIT UP NEAR YOUR  
SECOND HOLE IN THE LINE

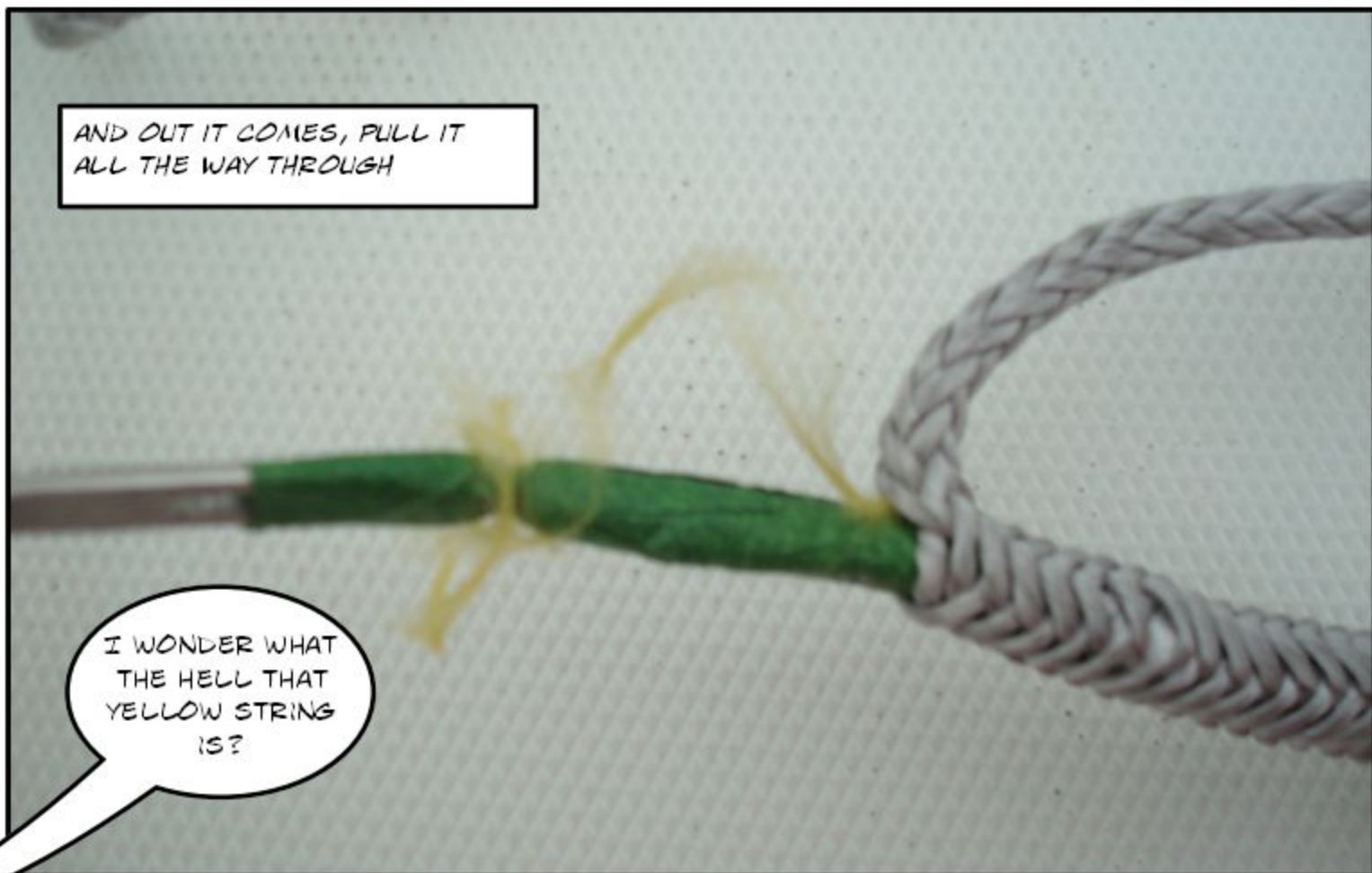
A close-up photograph of the same white braided rope on the same white textured surface. A piece of green tape is wrapped around the rope. A metal tool, similar to the one in the first image, is attached to the rope. The rope is coiled around the tool, and the tool is positioned horizontally. The rope has a black cap at one end.

TAPE THE END OF THE LINE TO THE TOOL AND  
PULL IT INTO THE HOLLOW CENTER OF THE  
LINE, I WIGGLED IT A LITTLE SIDE TO SIDE  
WHICH SEEMED TO HELP





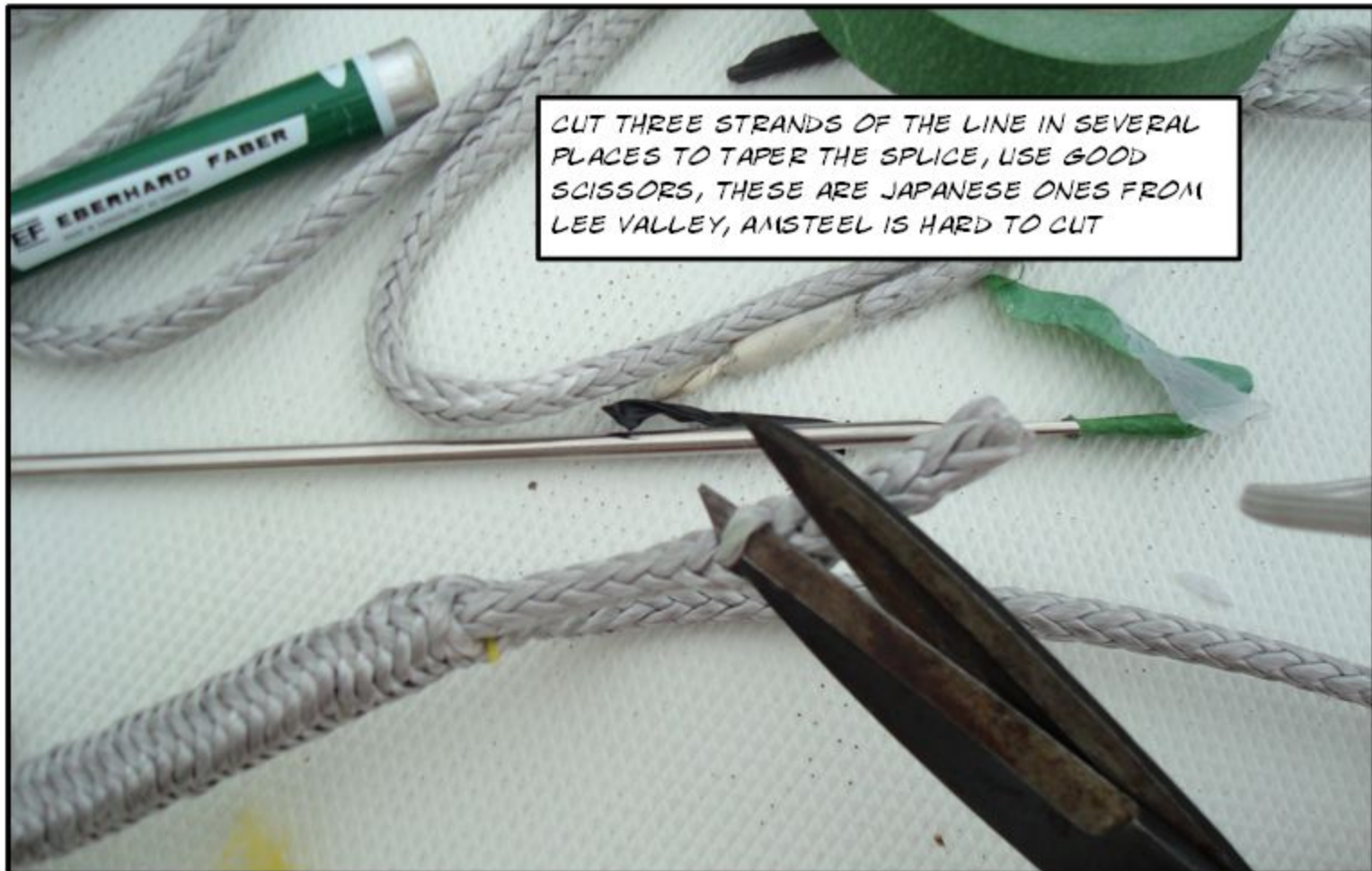
AN STEEL IS PRETTY SLIPPERY TO  
THIS PART IS NOT TOO HARD, MAKE  
SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT SIZED  
TOOL FOR THIS THOUGH



AND OUT IT COMES, PULL IT  
ALL THE WAY THROUGH

I WONDER WHAT  
THE HELL THAT  
YELLOW STRING  
IS?





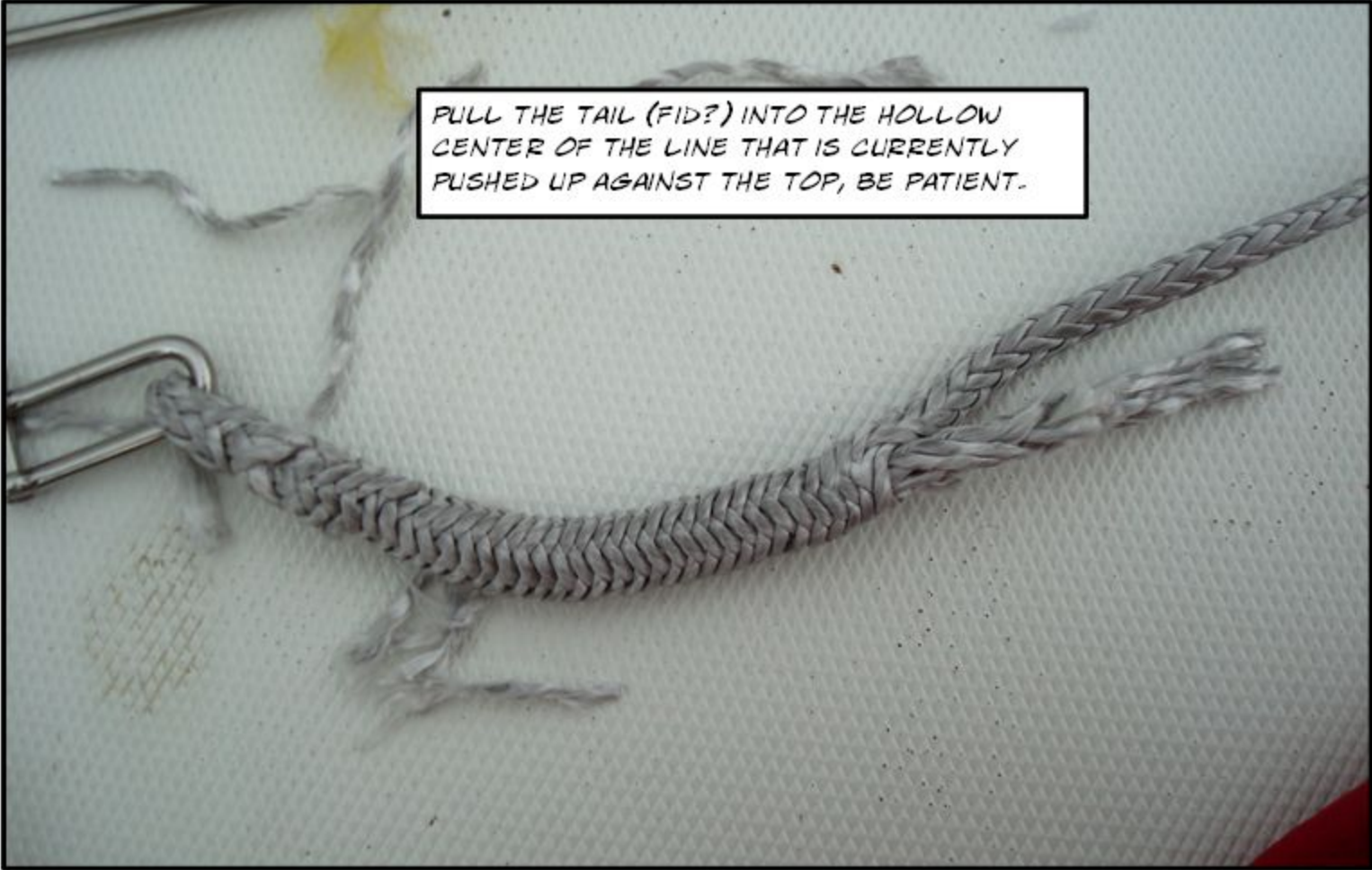
CUT THREE STRANDS OF THE LINE IN SEVERAL PLACES TO TAPER THE SPLICE, USE GOOD SCISSORS, THESE ARE JAPANESE ONES FROM LEE VALLEY, AN STEEL IS HARD TO CUT



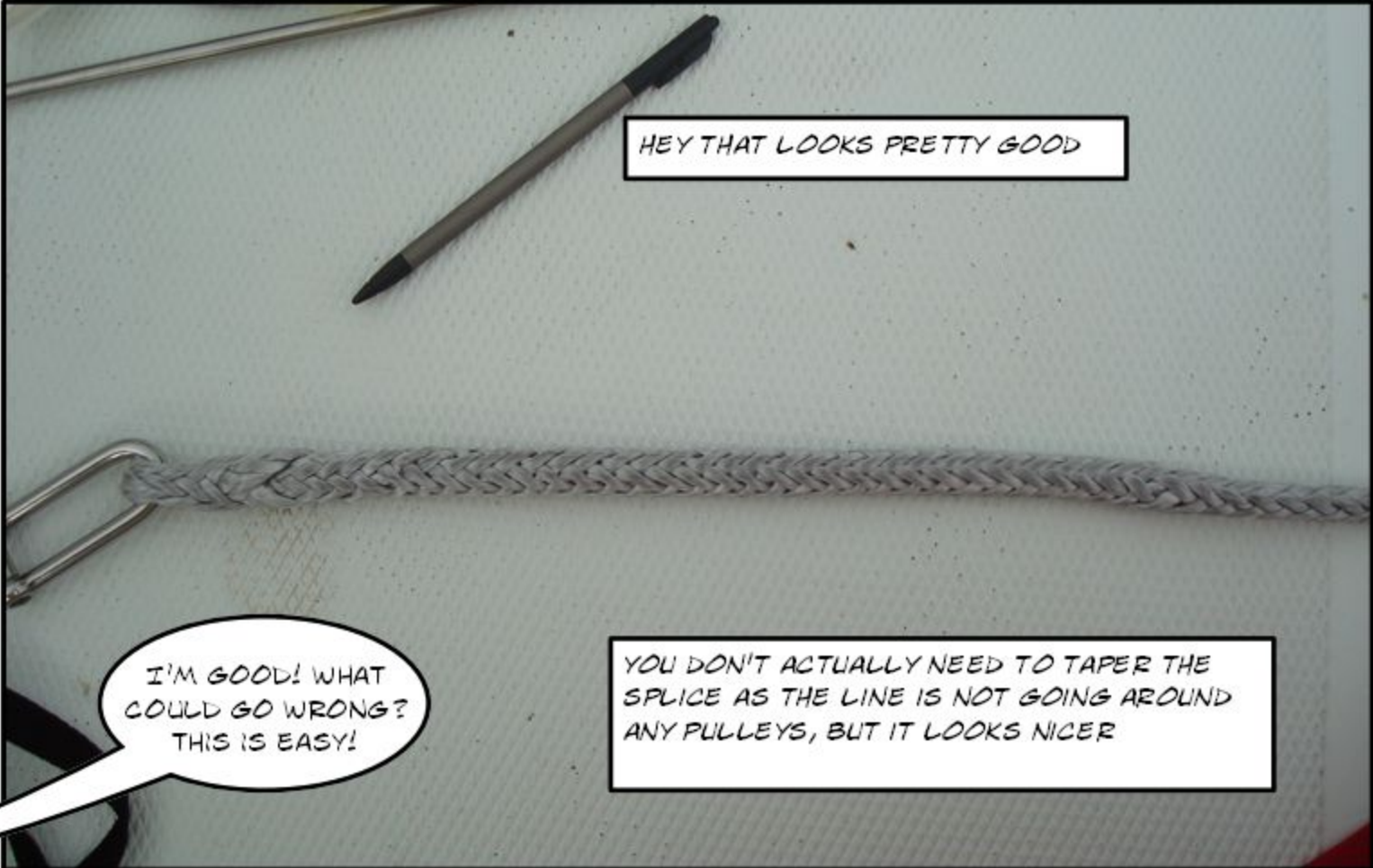
PULL THE CUT STRANDS OUT, LOOKS A LITTLE MESSY BUT DON'T WORRY

I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT HOW MESSY  
IT LOOKS





PULL THE TAIL (FID?) INTO THE HOLLOW  
CENTER OF THE LINE THAT IS CURRENTLY  
PUSHED UP AGAINST THE TOP, BE PATIENT.



HEY THAT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD

I'M GOOD! WHAT  
COULD GO WRONG?  
THIS IS EASY!

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY NEED TO TAPER THE  
SPLICE AS THE LINE IS NOT GOING AROUND  
ANY PULLEYS, BUT IT LOOKS NICER





FEED IT THROUGH, IT  
SEEMS TO FIT THE TOP  
HOLE OK



ATTACH TO THE PULPIT WITH A 1 INCH SHACKLE, I  
STARTED WITH A LONGER SHACKLE SO I CAN SWITCH  
TO A SHORTER ONE WHEN THE LINE STRETCHES, I  
AM EXPECTING 1/4 INCH OF STRETCH PER 20 FEET

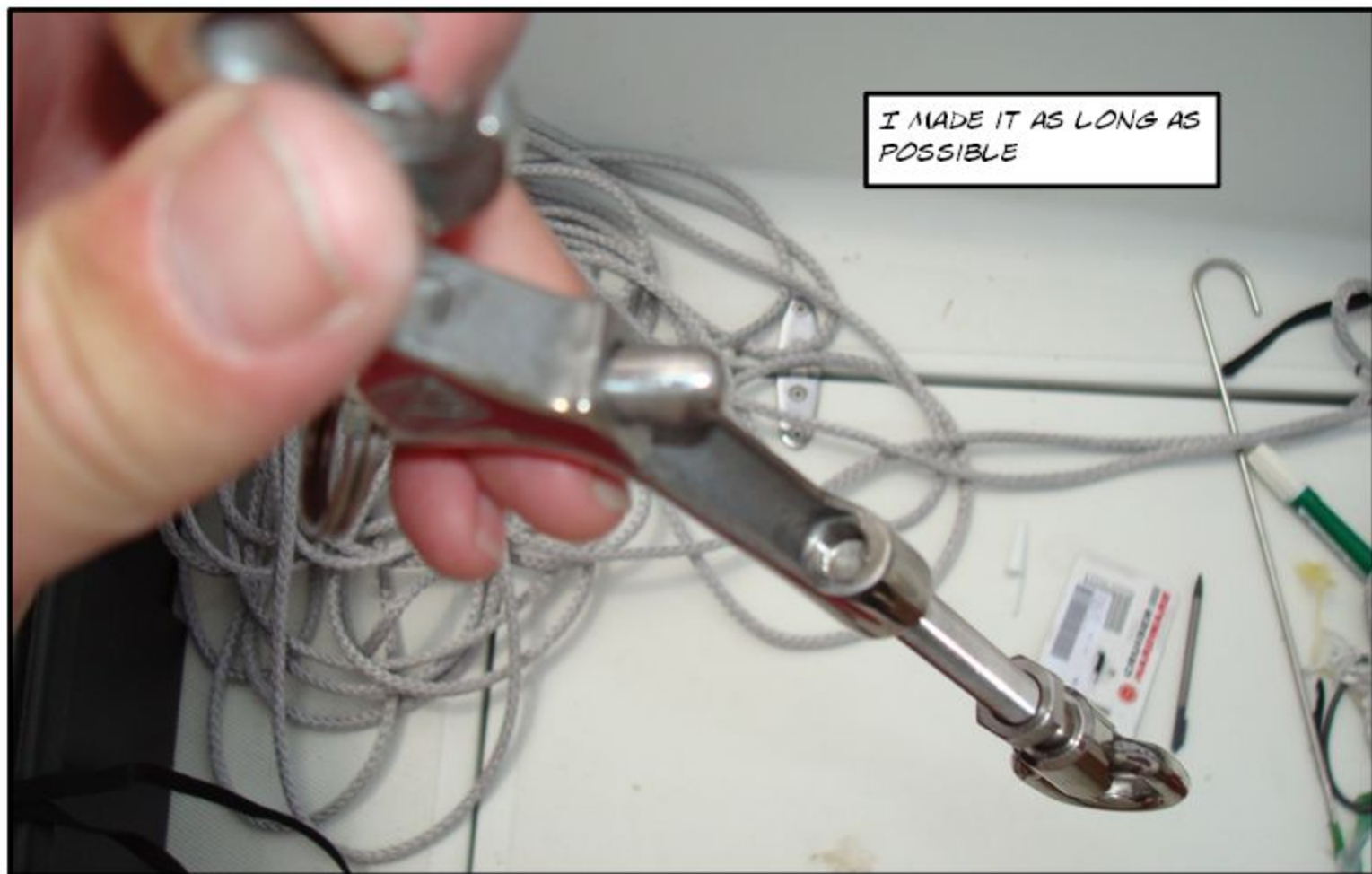


TIME TO SPLICE ON A \$50.00 PELICAN HOOK

SHINY...  
NICE...



I MADE IT AS LONG AS  
POSSIBLE





AND NOW I'LL JUST  
SPlice IT ON WITH ONE  
OF THOSE FUNNY  
BACKWARDS SPLICES

UMM I'M GETTING  
A BAD FEELING  
ABOUT THIS

REREAD THE INSTRUCTIONS.....

NOW HOW THE  
HELL....

MEASURE  
TWICE CUT  
ONCE...



# CRAP!

NOW THIS IS IMPORTANT! YOU CAN NOT DO ONE OF THOSE BACKWARDS SPLICES AROUND AN EYE, YOU CAN ONLY SPLICE AROUND AN EYE WITH THE FIRST SPLICE I DID, YOU KNOW THE ONE I HAD TO FEED THE FAR END OF THE LINE THROUGH?

SO PAY ATTENTION!

YOUR FIRST SPLICE IS AROUND THE PELICAN HOOK EYE, THEN FEED THE LINE THROUGH THE STANTION DO THE SECOND BACKWARDS SPLICE AND ATTACH THE SHACKLE, YOU CAN NOT FEED THE SPLICE THROUGH THE STANTION, YOU CAN NOT DO A SPLICE AROUND AN EYE WHEN THE LINE IS THROUGH THE STANTION.

YOU CAN HOWEVER TAKE THE LINE OFF THE PULPIT, UNDO YOUR SPLICE, FEED IT THROUGH THE STANTIONS, TURN IT AROUND, SPLICE THE PELICAN HOOK ON, AND FEED IT BACK THROUGH THE STANTIONS AND THEN DO THE FUNNY BACKWARDS SPLICE AND ATTACH THE SHACKLE, WORKS QUITE WELL ACTUALLY BUT DOES RATHER SLOW YOU DOWN AND IS A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.

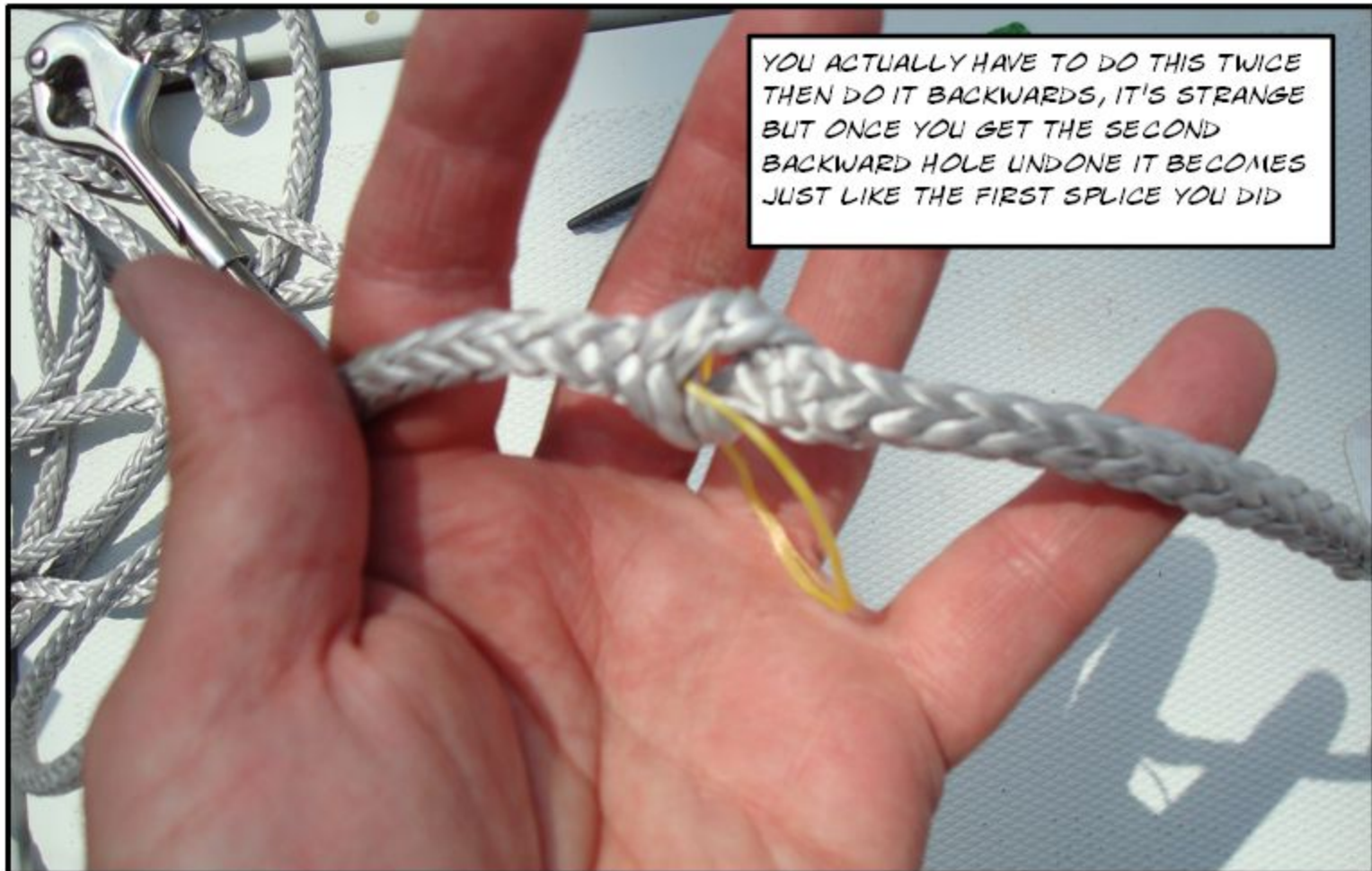


THIS IS ALL THE PICS I HAVE OF THIS,  
YOU KEEP PULLING UNTIL THE LINE  
TURNS INSIDE OUT, CHECK THE NEW  
ENGLAND ROPES SITE FOR REAL  
INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT THE HELL IS  
THAT YELLOW  
STRING

SO FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS  
CAREFULLY I PULLED THE LINE THROUGH  
THE HOLE I MADE





YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO DO THIS TWICE THEN DO IT BACKWARDS, IT'S STRANGE BUT ONCE YOU GET THE SECOND BACKWARD HOLE UNDONE IT BECOMES JUST LIKE THE FIRST SPLICE YOU DID



WITH BOTH ENDS ATTACHED IT'S LOOKING LIKE A LIFELINE, I TIGHTENED IT UP, YOU HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE THREADS ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN THE PELICAN HOOK, UNSAFE OTHERWISE. YOU WILL HAVE SOME SLACK TO DO THIS, THE LINES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TIGHT.



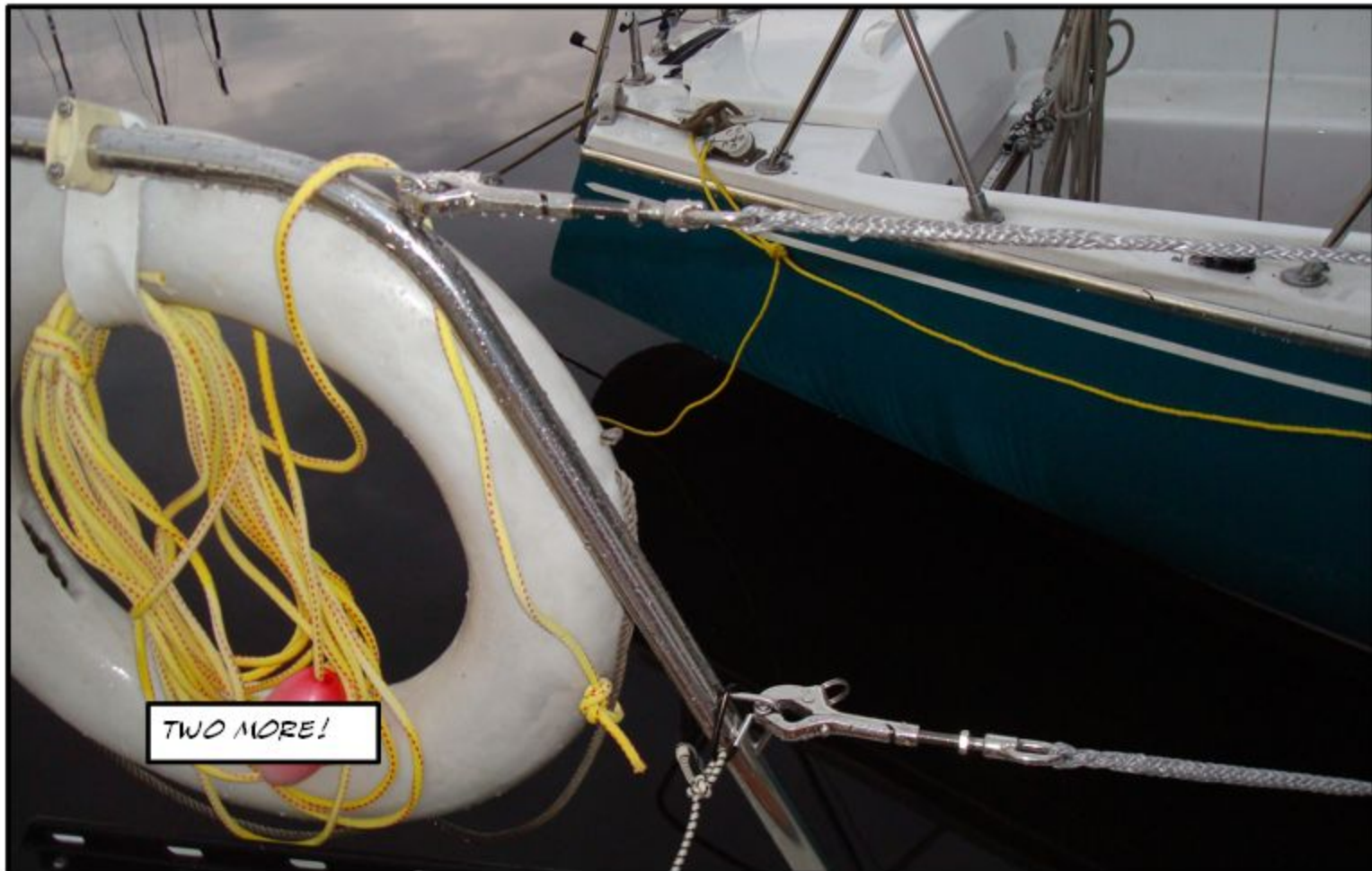


HERE IS THE CURSED  
SHACKLE END



GOT TWO ON NOW, THE RAIN IS  
MOSTLY HOLDING OFF BUT...








BOW.  
DON'T LOOK AT ALL MY  
MESSY LINES, I'LL DEAL  
WITH THAT TOMORROW



STERN.  
BOAT NEEDS A WASH  
BUT THE LINES LOOK  
PRETTY GOOD







ME! THAT HURTS! I GUESS THE RAIN  
HELD OFF MORE THAN I THOUGHT

OWW!

IT ALSO TOOK A WHILE

SO THAT'S IT PRETTY MUCH.

THE LINE WAS 110 FEET OF 1/4 INCH ANISTEEL WHICH WAS \$1.30 A FOOT FOR A TOTAL OF \$143.00, THE SHACKLES WERE \$5.75 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$23.00, THE JOHNSON PELICAN HOOKS WERE \$48.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$192.00, WHICH ALL CAME TO \$358.00 AND WITH \$46.54 TAX THE FINAL BILL WAS \$404.54.

SEEMS LIKE A LOT BUT THE OWNER OF A CS 30 ACROSS FROM ME PAID OVER \$900.00 TO GET HIS LIFELINES REPLACED WITH VINYL COATED STAINLESS WIRE AND ONE YEAR LATER IT'S STARTING TO YELLOW, I CAN REPLACE MY LINES MYSELF FOR \$143.00 NOW AND DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE RIGGER TO DO IT.

I HAD ABOUT 8 FEET OF ANISTEEL LEFT OVER WHICH WAS PRETTY GOOD I THOUGHT. NICHOLAS AT THE CHANDLERY SPENT AT LEAST AN HOUR SHOWING ME HOW TO SPLICE AND ONLY SOLD ME THE 1 TOOL I REQUIRED, HE WOULD NOT SELL ME THE OTHER SPLICING TOOL, "USE THE CAP FROM A PEN, IT WORKS BETTER" HE WAS CORRECT.

NEW PELICAN HOOKS WERE NOT REQUIRED THE CHANDLERY OFFERED TO GET THE PARTS TO UPDATE MY OLD ONES AT A REASONABLE PRICE, I DECIDED TO GO WITH NEW ONES MOSTLY FOR LOOKS, IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

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