



■ Bow and Stern Line

Dock Cleat

■ Spring Line

## HOW TO SECURE YOUR BOAT

The picture above shows four examples on how to secure a boat.

There are two (2) types of dock lines that can be used to secure your boat to a dock or slip:

### 1. Bow and Stern Lines

- These ropes keep the boat centered.
- These ropes need to be snug, but not tight. They must allow the boat to rock up and down, without adding unnecessary stress to the cleats.

### 2. Spring Lines

- These ropes keep the boat from moving forward and backward, keeping the front or back of the boat from hitting the inside dock, **which may damage your boat.**
- These ropes can be tied tightly because they are long and angled.
- Please do not use stretchy ropes.

Each boat, slip, or dock is different. Please use any combination from the examples above that works for you and your boat.

All boats need at least a bow, stern, **and spring line** to be secure and safe while docked.

Please do not forget to use your bumpers too!