

Handy Hint—for towing a boat

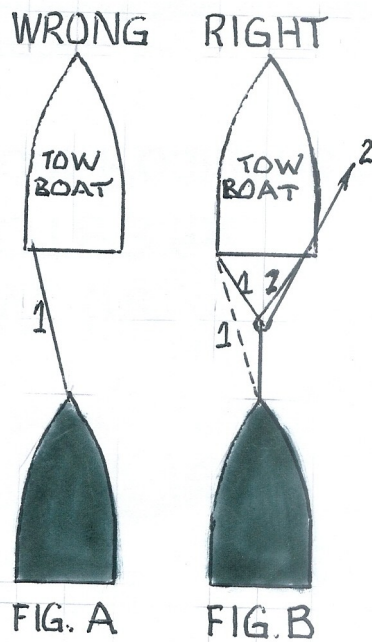


Fig:A The tow boat will have no steerage and will pull to the left, more power will only make steerage worse.

Fig:B By taking a separate rope (2) fix one end of this rope to the opposite side cleat, then pass the other end over rope 1 and bring back toward the cleat and tension until such time as rope 1 is centrally positioned across the stern whilst the boat is being towed. If this central position alters tighten rope 2 until rope 1 is centralized again. The tow boat will now have steerage.

By fitting rope 1 first, tension can be taken on the rope to prevent it becoming tangled in the propeller as can happen with a bridle.

A specially made tow bridle can be made, but rarely is there time when a tow is needed. **Don't tow at speed!**