

Marquette Yacht Club Docking Standards

The following standards have been developed to ensure the MYC dock system is a safe environment for you and your boat. These standards are the MINIMUM requirements and boaters may take additional measures to further secure their boats.

1. All mooring attachment points on your boat must be properly secured and have a backing structure significant enough to prevent the mooring point from failing or breaking the deck or hull in the event of a sudden increased load.
2. All dock lines must be in good condition and be designed for use as a dock line (e.g., double braid nylon). Examples of lines that are NOT ok to use include, old halyards or sheets, yellow polypropylene rope, clothes line, and climbing rope. Pre-made dock line that has been professionally spliced is highly recommended.
3. For boats under 25 feet, the minimum dock line diameter is 3/8. For boats larger than 25 feet, please consult Boat US or Chapman's guide standards to ensure you have the proper size dock line.
4. All boats must use a bow, stern, and forward and aft spring lines when docking. If you are in a position that allows you to use a second stern line, you should do that as well. See the diagram below for proper line set up.
5. Spring lines on all boats should be such that no two boats can come closer than 18 inches

