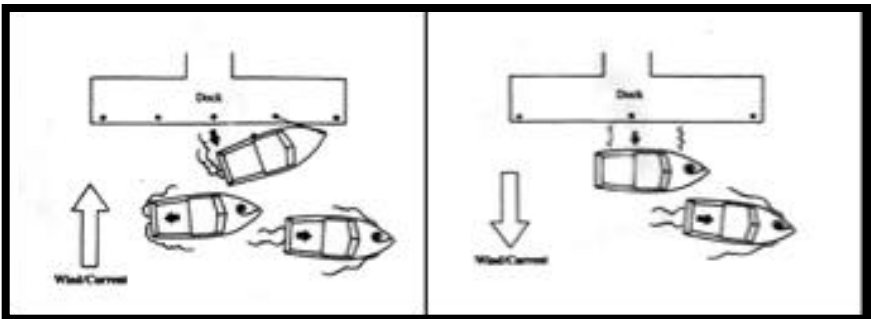


DOCKING

Departing

When tied to the weather side of the dock, or when the current is pushing you onto the dock, use both your engine and a bow line to get underway. Cast off the stern line. Turn the wheel towards the dock to swing the stern forward with a fender to cushion your bow if it hits the dock. Proceed ahead for a few revolutions dead slow. This should kick the stern a safe distance away from the dock. When completely clear, head out to open water.

When tied to the leeward side of the dock, use an oar or a boat hook to simply push off. The wind or current will carry you far enough out for a safe departure.



Cleating

Everyone should know how to quickly and correctly make fast to a cleat. Tied in the right way the line exerts the greatest strain next to the dock. Improperly making fast to a cleat may either cause the line to unexpectedly come loose, or prohibit you from freeing the line quickly if you should need to. Incorrect cleating can result in a serious accident. Make sure every crew member cleats properly.

