

# FISHERMEN'S KNOTS

For fishing in Charlotte County, there are five knots which should meet most needs.

## Improved clinch knot

This knot is easy to tie and is very good for attaching swivels, snaps, and hooks. The improved clinch knot works well on jigs and with lures that have a split ring attached to the eye of the lure.

To tie the improved clinch knot, pass the line through the eye of the hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five turns around the standing line. Hold the coils in place and thread the end of the line through the first loop above the eye, then through the big loop.

To tighten the knot, hold the tag end and standing line while pulling the coils together. Be careful that the coils are in a spiral and do not overlap each other. Slide the knot tight against the eye and then clip the tag end. All knots will tighten better if they are kissed, that is moistened slightly with saliva before being pulled completely tight.



clinch knot



palomar knot

## The palomar knot

This knot has excellent strength. It is particularly good for holding snaps, swivels, hooks, and smaller lures. To tie, double about 4 inches of line and pass the loop through the eye. Let the hook or other terminal tackle hang loose and tie an overhand knot in the doubled line.

Make sure there is no twisting in the lines. Do not tighten the knot. Pull the loop of line far enough to pass it over the hook, swivel, or lure. Make sure the loop passes completely over the attachment. Pull both tag end and standing line to tighten. Clip the tag end about 1/8 inch above the knot.

A little practice while watching television is a painless way to develop and keep knot tying skills. **The tell-tale sign of an improperly tied knot is a pig tail at the end of the line when you reel in line and the hook or lure is not there.**

