

The **Butterfly Knot** is a climber's knot, and like the Bowline in a Bight, is used to make a loop in the middle of a line. I prefer it over the Bowline in a Bight when there may be tension on the two standing lines and not on the loop. For example, on our dinghy painter, we have a loop in the middle that is just the right distance from the end to position the dinghy where I want it when I am mounting or removing the dinghy engine. The loop can be tossed over a cleat, or the painter can be tied to a bollard or post.

