EO C221.01 – MAKE A BACK SPLICE

1. **Performance**: Make a Back Splice

2. **Conditions**:

   a. Given:

      (1) three-strand line;

      (2) marlin spike/fid;

      (3) whipping twine;

      (4) supervision; and

      (5) assistance as required.

   b. Denied: N/A.

   c. Environmental: Suitable classroom facilities or training area large enough to accommodate the entire group.

3. **Standard**: In accordance with specified references, the cadet shall make a back splice.

4. **Teaching Points**:

TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
TP1	Explain the use of, demonstrate, and have the cadets tie a crown knot.	Demonstration and Performance	25 min	A1-004 (pp. 5-38 and 5-39)
TP2	Explain the use of, demonstrate, and have the cadets make a back splice.	Demonstration and Performance	30 min	A1-004 (p. 5-55)

5. **Time**:

   a. Introduction / Conclusion: 5 min

   b. Demonstration and Performance: 55 min

   c. Total: 60 min

6. **Substantiation**: Demonstration and performance was chosen for this lesson as it allows the instructor to explain and demonstrate how to make a crown knot and a back splice while providing an opportunity for the cadets to practice these skills under supervision.

7. **References**: A1-004 B-GN-181-105/FP-E00 Chief of the Maritime Staff. (1997). *CFCD 105 Fleet Seamanship Rigging and Procedures Manual.* Ottawa, ON: Department of National Defence.

8. **Training Aids**:

   a. Presentation aids (e.g. whiteboard/flipchart/OHP) appropriate for the classroom/training area;

   b. Three-strand line;

   c. Marlin Spike/fid;

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d. Whipping twine;

e. A back splice; and

f. A cutting tool.

9. **Learning Aids**:

a. Three-strand line;

b. Marlin spike/fid;

c. Whipping twine;

d. Handout located at A-CR-CCP-602/PF-001, Chapter 11, Annex J; and

e. Handout located at A-CR-CCP-602/PF-001, Chapter 11, Annex K.

10. **Test Details**: N/A.

11. **Remarks**: Whipping twine is to be used to whip the ends of each strand of the line prior to splicing the line. Ends of the strands may also be taped or melted if whipping twine is not available.

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