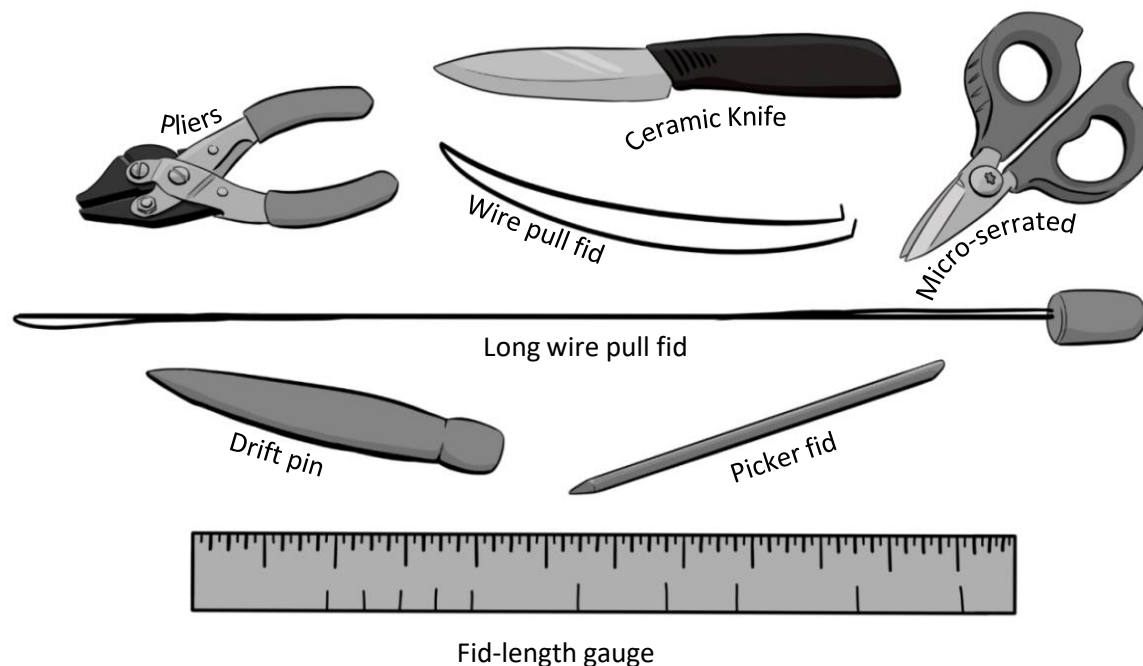




Here is a concise but hopefully clear manual of most of the splices needed by the modern yacht rigger. It is neither meant to be exhaustive nor exclusive—there’s more to ropework than is here shown, and many different ways to splice rope, but it’s a place to start.

Some of these methods were gleaned from manufacturers’ published instructions, some from working in various shops, some from books or the internet—bottom line is, every rigger learns from what they observe. We’re all standing on the shoulders of riggers past, and hopefully giving tomorrow’s riggers a leg up onto our own shoulders. Who knows where they’ll climb as materials and methods evolve? Let’s help them climb, and regard any imitation as the best flattery.

The methods shown here are meant to rely on a pretty basic toolkit. The accumulation of specialty tools will be inevitable as the rigger advances in his craft, and settles into preferences. Still, the tools required for the splices here will get the handy DIY sailor all rigged up, and the working rigger well on his way.

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