**FLOOR LASHING:**

Use ---- to lash a series of poles to a set of stringers to form a flat surface such as a deck, a table top, or a roadway.

Comments ---- When using a floor lashing, both ends of the decking poles must be lashed at the same time to insure a firm even surface.

When placing the decking poles on the stringers, lay the decking poles so that their butt end are in alternating direction. Alternating the but ends of the decking poles will compensate for the natural taper of the poles so that the length of the decking along each stringer will be equal.

Narration ---- (For floor lashing knotboard) (1) Tie a clove hitch around each stringer. (2) Secure the short end of the rope by wrapping it around the running end (wrap with the lay of the rope). (3) Place the decking poles on the stringers and take a bight around the first pole. (4) Next, on the inside of the stringer, pull a bight up between the first decking pole and the next decking pole. (5) Place the eye of the bight over the end of the decking pole. (6) Pull tight. (7) On the outside of the stringer, place a bight over the next decking pole. (8) Pull tight. (9) Repeat steps 4 through 8 until all decking poles are lashed in place. (10) Tie the first half hitch of the ending clove hitch. Work half hitch tight. (11) Tie the second half hitch of the ending clove hitch. Work half hitch tight (12) to form clove hitch.
7. Bight to outside
8. Pull tight
9. Repeat steps 4 through 8
10. End with clove hitch
11. Work tight
12. Clove hitch