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Rule 45 and the meaning of “made fast”

Situation

Rule 45 says that a boat “shall not be made fast” (with exceptions).

Question

Does the term “made fast” apply to:

- (a) attachment of a boat by a single line to a buoy or post, so that the boat is able to swing? or
- (b) attachment of a boat fore and aft to buoys or posts, so that the boat is not able to swing?

Answer

The term applies to all of the above.

A boat is made fast when she is fastened or attached to something.