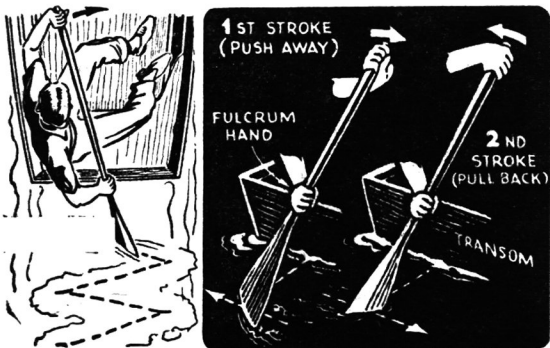


Better Boating Kinks

Stuck with One Oar?

• If you are caught out on open water with only one oar try sculling your way back to shore. Sculling is a method of propelling a boat that fishermen have used for centuries. Sculling a boat is easy, but you will require a little practice to become proficient.



First place yourself in the stern of the row boat. Grasp the oar so that one hand is on the handle and the other about halfway down on the shaft. Put the blade on the water until it is about $\frac{3}{4}$ submerged, holding it at a 45° angle. Using the lower hand as the fulcrum, move the handle back and forth, twisting the oar at the end of each stroke with the upper hand so that blade cuts into the water forcing the boat ahead; action is similar to that of a propeller blade in water. If boat has a notch for a steering oar, use that notch as the fulcrum.—D. M. S.

Ever-Ready Shear Pins

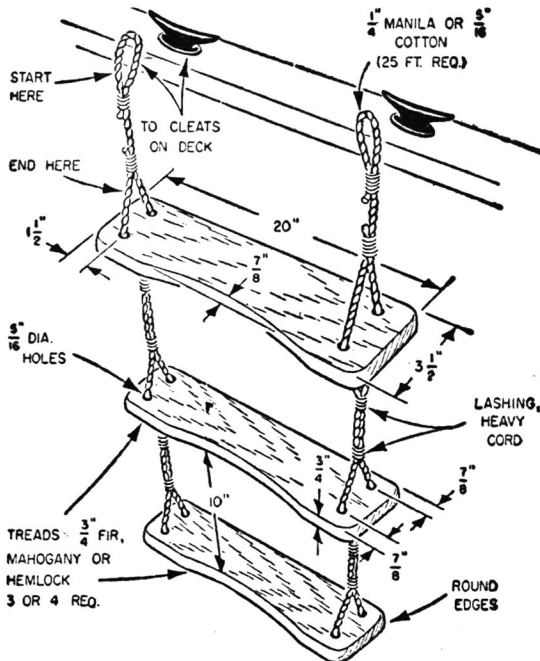
• Keep extra shear pins always at hand by taping two or three to the steering handle of the outboard motor. Use plastic tape which is unaffected by gas and oil and may be readily unwound, rather than black friction tape which dissolves and becomes a gummy mass when permeated by grease or gas.—W. D. J.

Split-Shot Solderless Connectors

• When an ignition wire of your boat motor requires slicing and no soldering equipment is at hand to make a strong and reliable connection, slip an opened split-shot sinker over the joined wires and close it firmly with a pair of pliers. Completed with a wrapping of friction tape, you will have a joint that is dependably safe and strong.—G. H.

Swim Ladder

• If your small outboard cruiser or utility boat is so high-sided that you have difficulty boarding it from the water, make this swim ladder. Cut three or four 20-in. long treads from 1×4 's to the shape shown in the draw-



ing below, and bore holes for the ropes. String treads together at 10-in. intervals, lashing heavy cord to the $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. manila support lines to maintain treads in position. Secure ladder to boat by lashing upper ends of support lines to small cleats placed upon deck.—W. M. D. JACKSON.

Glove Compartments for Boats

• A lady's large discarded purse makes an ideal compartment for storing tools, fishing tackle, lunch, binoculars, camera and other items generally carried on a boating trip. Fasten the purse to the side of the boat, seat or transom with staples or screws, to keep the contents away from the damp boat bottom. If it has a strong lock, the contents will not be lost even when the boat is moved on a trailer or car-top from one lake to another.—STERLING S. SOUDER.

Canoe Stabilizer

• Prevent canoe accidents caused by a sudden movement of people in the canoe or in rough water with this stabilizer. Place a thin board under center of canoe so about 2 ft. extends from each side. Run a length of stout rope around each end of board, up sides of canoe and tie tightly under seat.—C. L. MEEHAN.