

## Overboarding block for 1/4" Hydro Wire

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Has anyone in recent years purchased an overboarding block for use with 1/4" 3x19 Hydro Wire? Or, what are you currently using? Can anyone recommend a manufacturer? We may be looking to replace one soon and that manufacturer appears to be long out of business.

Thanks,

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### Response From: Lynne Butler on Fri, 12 Nov 2010

Hi Chris,

On Endeavor we use Harken blocks for each of the wires including 1/4". We also have a Harken block for trace metal work. The blocks are lightweight and durable. The wire doesn't ever get stuck between the cheek & sheave. The only thing I don't like about them is the open bearings - they need to be rinsed with fresh water frequently. Our block for 9/16" wire became stuck after its first use but loosened up with a fresh water soak. The bearings for the 9/16" block are a slightly different design than the ones for 1/4" & .322. The smaller blocks haven't gotten stuck, they just squeak when a bit dirty. The block comes apart easily for cleaning with a rag & water. Harken suggests not using any lubrication other than water.

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Hope this helps, Lynne