Westhaven Recommended Mooring Line Sizes

Boat length	Minimum Rope Size
10 metre	14-16mm 3 ply polyester
12 metre	16-18mm 3 ply polyester
14 metre	18-20mm 3 ply polyester
18 metre	20-22mm 3 ply polyester
20 metres and above	22-24mm 3 ply polyester

Boat Length	Minimum Mooring Line Diameter
10 meter and under	14 - 16mm 3 ply polyester
10 to 14 meter	20mm 3 ply polyester
14 to 26 meter	24mm 3 ply polyester

What to Look for When Buying Dock Line

Your dock line must be nylon or polyester rope. Polypropylene degrades quickly in the sun, doesn't have the level of stretch needed, and has a low breaking strength so it is generally a bad choice. Dock lines most commonly come in three weave types: three-stand, braided and double braided. There are subtle differences between these three types of lines listed below, but ultimately, any of these types makes an adequate dock line.

- Three-strand: Abrasion resistant, stretches more, easier to splice less expensive.
- **Braided**: Stronger, easy on the hands, looks good.
- **Double Braided**: Strongest, easy to handle, abrasion resistant and controlled elongation, looks good.