



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The July meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Smith & Wesson Lockback and a American Blade Muskrat. Robert Coy Baughman III won the Smith & Wesson Lockback and the American Blade Muskrat was won by Casey Philibert. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$27.00 went to Bill Cyphert. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings. The **Best Special** knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his Red Bone Trapper.

Next meeting Date: 6th of August - Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

August's Feature Knife will be your best:

Sailor (Rigging) Knife w/Marlin Spike.

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

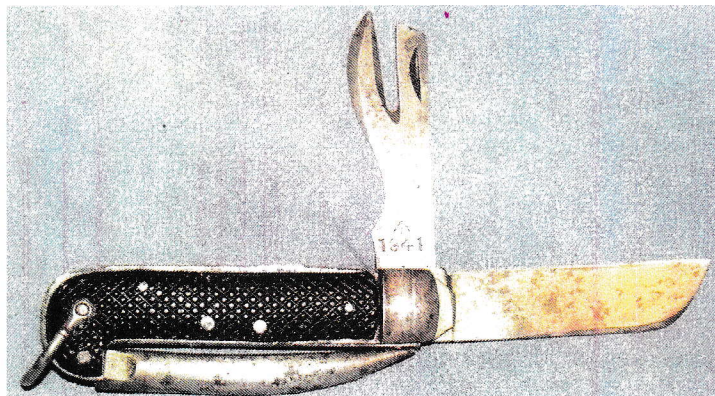
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOWS - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Aug 3-4	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center
Aug 10-11	LaBelle - Great American Gun Show - LaBelle Civic Center
Aug 10-11	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Roberts Sports Arena
Aug 10-11	West Pam Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 17-18	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Aug 17-18	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte Cty Fairgrounds
Aug 24-25	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds

***MODERN DAY
RIGGING KNIFE
w/MARLIN SPIKE***



***WORLD WAR II (Dated)
RIGGING KNIFE
w/MARLIN SPIKE***



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



SAILOR'S ROPE KNIVES or RIGGING KNIVES

The ordinary sailor's knife is a curved jack or a curved regular jack with a single 'sheepfoot' or flaring "rope" blade. These special straight-edged blades are used to cut rope cleanly. This is done by laying the rope on a wooden surface and hammering the blade through with a belaying pin. Between this rough use and the hazards of salt water, it is not surprising that old sailor's knives in good condition are rare.

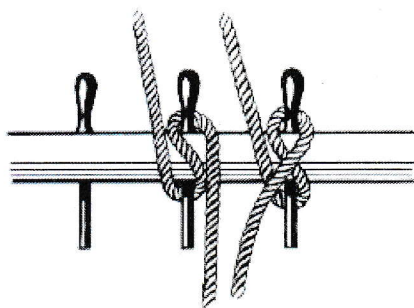
Ordinary sailor's knives are fairly large, at least 4 inches long closed. They usually have a bail so that they can be secured from falling overboard.

Smaller curved jacks with a stout sheepfoot blade are called New England Whalers. They probably got their name from being a handy size for working with light harpoon line. Whalers may be drilled for a lanyard, but they have no bail.

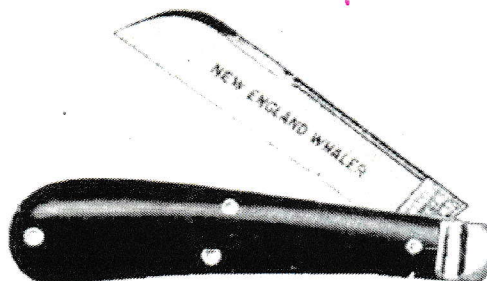
Since the late 19th century, some sailor's knives have been made with an auxiliary folding marlin spike. The spike is used in splicing and in fancy knot work.

Some English knives have the spike beside the blade. If the spike locks open (often the bail is the lock release), the knife is a "rigger's knife." If it does not lock, the knife is a "yachtsman's knife." Some recent yachtsman's knives also have a shackle key.

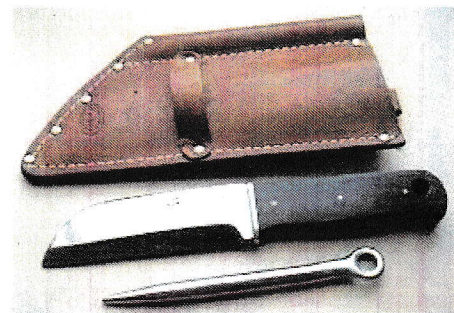
Belaying Pin



New England Whaler



**Yachtsman's Knife
w/Marlin Spike & a Shackle**



KA-BAR SAILOR KNIFE SET

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