

Safety Alert 2



Unusable Throw Lines

A Rowing Club recently found that some of its throw lines had been packed in a way that made them unserviceable.

They had been packed with the wrist loops inside the bag. It took five minutes to make them serviceable again. If they had been needed urgently then this delay could have had serious consequences.

As a result of this incident and the subsequent investigation the club has checked the correct method of packing throw lines, this is:-

- Stuff the throw line directly into the bag as shown
- Stuff the throw line into the bag as far as you can, relatively small amounts at a time
- Do not coil the line prior to putting it in the bag
- Ensure that the wrist loop remains outside the bag

Clubs are advised to routinely check their throw lines and ensure that they are correctly packed.

Don't forget, if the line misses its target then don't waste time repacking; simply fill the bag with water and try again.

Contact your Regional Rowing Safety Advisor for further advice.



Throw line packed incorrectly (the wrist loop is inside the bag).



Throw line packed correctly



Correct method of packing