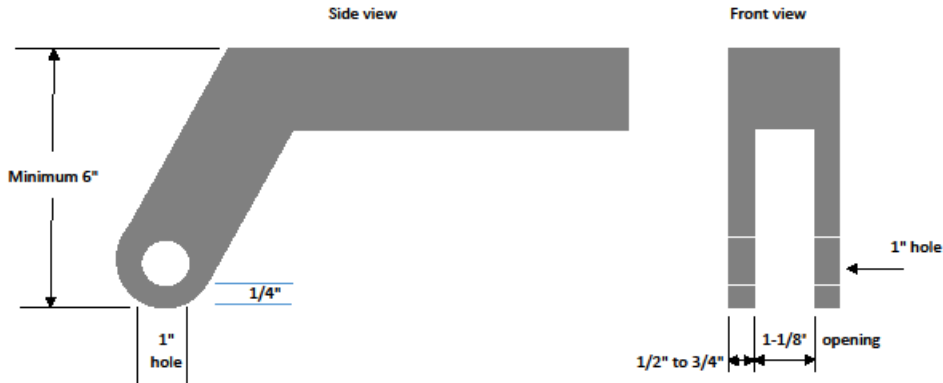


Hitch Head Connection Point



From Houseboat Policies

"Primary mooring hitch, required for offshore moorings, shall not exceed 3 feet in length, and sound safety chains or two (2) cables shall be no less than 3/8" diameter (required). Hitch and/or hitch surface shall conform to posted District standards or requirements."

Posted Standards

In addition to the drawing and photo above, mooring hitch shall be made from 2" x 2" x 1/4" steel, stainless steel, or aluminum square tubing. Hitch shall have the MID# welded onto the top of the center tube in at least 1" size. There shall be no handles or other appurtenances attached to the top side of the hitch that creates an obstacle for crew when lying on top of the hitch to removal or replacement. A Grade 8, 1" x 5", course-thread bolt with two (2) 1" Grade 8 fender washers and one (1) Grade 8, course -thead Nylok-type nut (nut with integrated nylon lock ring) shall be used for attaching hitch to buoy. No other fastener will be allowed. The barge crew has those if needed.