

# Rescue Throw Bags



WRSI Hail Mary Throw Bag

51' Polypropylene 1/4" Rope  
Can be thrown like a football.



Astrol Throw Pouch

50' Poly/Spectra 3/8" Rope



Astrol Life Jacket

Slot behind front of PFD to store throw pouch.



Twik Tek Throw Bag

50' Poly 1/4" Rope  
Cheapest at \$17, however difficult to repack bag.



Liquidlogic Speed Loader Throw Bag

50' Polypropylene 5/16" rope bag opens flat for repacking.



Survival Systems Throw Rope.

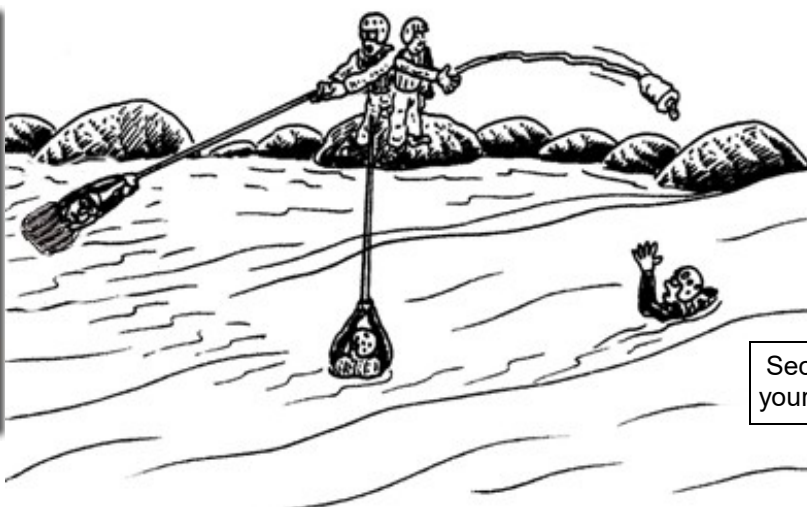
56' Nylon 3/8" Rope.

## Advantages & disadvantages of different types of rope:

- Nylon has good resistance to UV deterioration & abrasion, chemical resistant, coils easily, does not float.
- Polypropylene (poly) susceptible to UV deterioration, not as strong as nylon or polyester, floats.
- Spectra is a very high strength low weight cut resistant rope, resists UV deterioration and is expensive, floats.
- Polyester has excellent resistance to UV deterioration & abrasion, chemical resistant; however does not coil well or float, therefore is not used in a rescue throw bag.
- Solid-braid (not hollow braid) should be used for a throw rope. Manila rope is not used in a rescue throw bag.



Underhand toss



Secure yourself



Re-packing bag

## Tossing a rescue throw bag:

- Open bag just enough to pull some rope out. Hold the free end securely.
- Alert swimmer that you are ready to throw. NEVER TIE OFF THE END OF THE ROPE.
- Toss the bag to the swimmer. DO NOT let go of the end of the rope. Wear your PFD.
- Jude distance—try to throw the bag just over the swimmer, or just upstream if throwing over a moving stream.
- Choose a stance that will allow you to take the force of the swimmer on the end of the rope.
- Another person can hold onto the thrower or the shoulder straps of the thrower's life jacket for extra security.