

Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

A Mooo-ving Experience

If you've ever visited our **ferry** boat *Eureka*, you know that it regularly carried people and automobiles. Did you know that it also carried **cattle**? In the early days of ferry boats on the San Francisco Bay, **ranchers** who had livestock to sell, brought their herds to San Francisco on board a ferryboat. One of the last ferries to carry cattle was our park's steam ferry *Eureka*. Below is an account of what happened when the knots used to build the cattle's rope pen weren't quite strong enough.

"In the early 1920s, a rancher brought his cattle to town on the ferry *Eureka* from **Sausalito**. The event was to be one of the last of its kind and the crew was somewhat rusty in the correct procedure of attending to the **bovine** bureaucrats. The rope pen was inadequate, and the occupants boisterous and somewhat inquisitive. It didn't take long for them to **escape** from their pen and begin a **merry** round of hobnobbing with the two-legged passengers. One thing led to another, and soon the cattle were climbing the stairs, demanding – and getting – attention in the restaurant, and herding a **flock** of frightened passengers hither and yon with wild disorder. The incident actually lasted just a few minutes and a series of **stout** ropes were pressed into service to restrain the cattle. While it lasted, the incident gave the ferry passengers a few exciting moments in the course of the trip across the bay."

From "Of Walking Beams and Paddle Wheels," by George Harlan and Clement Fisher Jr.



How to tie a figure-eight knot.

Try tying this simple knot yourself.

Cattle Scramble Word Puzzle Find the highlighted words to the left in the puzzle below. Once you've found all the words, write the unused letters in the spaces provided and you will see a secret message!

BOVINE	FERRY	MERRY	ESCAPE
EUREKA	CATTLE	SAUSALITO	
RANCHERS	STOUT	FLOCK	

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