

## Goose Neck Barnacles >> How to keep them off the topsides!

Goose Neck Barnacles are pesky things that stick like glue and always appear on your topsides when you pull into an anchorage after a long passage.



Photo from Wikipedia

Especially for those boats transiting to French Polynesia when you arrive you may have hundreds hitching a ride.

### **To keep them from attaching to your topsides try Jacaranda's approach:**

1. Attach a length of decent size line (1/2" will do nicely) at your bow.
2. Use a length of the line slightly longer than the length of your vessel.
3. We leave the line attached to a bow cleat and coiled up when not in use
4. Each day of your passage toss the line overboard for 30 minutes for each side.
5. We always set the egg timer so we would not forget to retrieve the line.

*Ok so multihulls(Tri's) may have up to 6 sides....*

When you arrive you will not have any of those nasty gooseneck barnacles anywhere the line was able to contact the boat. Sounds crazy eh?

We were one of the few boats arriving in the Marqueses without any gooseneck barnacles attached except for under our stern counter where the line did not touch. Some boats arrived from Panama with 18-20" of barnacles from the water line up!!!

***If you do have any gooseneck barnacles attack them with a plastic card key immediately upon arrival.*** Wait 2-3 days because your tired and you will find them attached like epoxy!

Good luck with your passage and safe sailing.

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