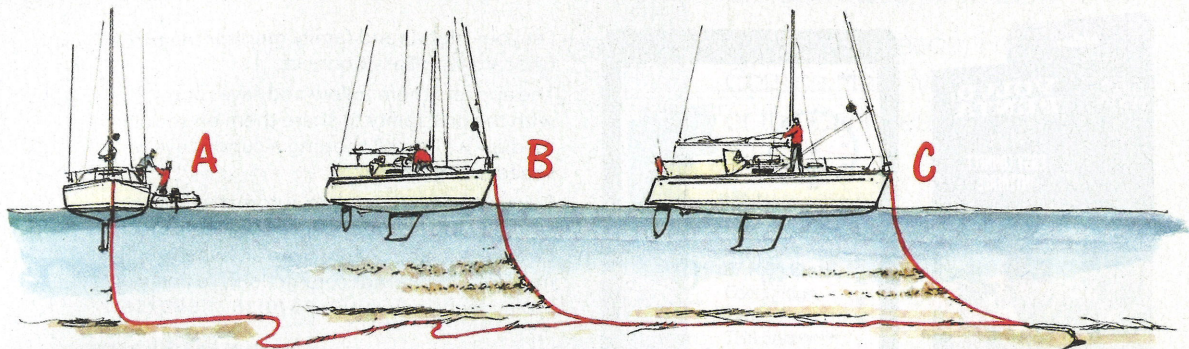


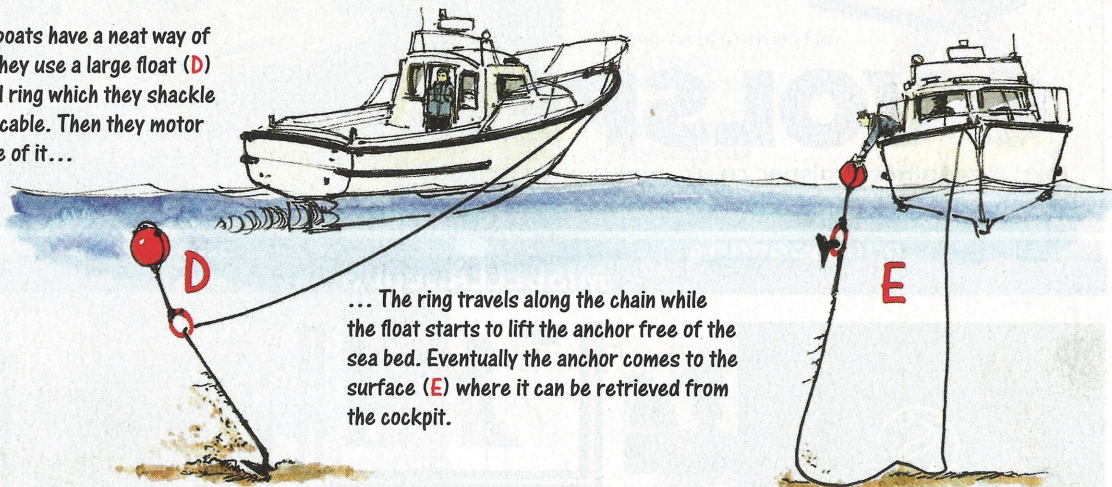
How to make weighing anchor easier, by Dick Everitt



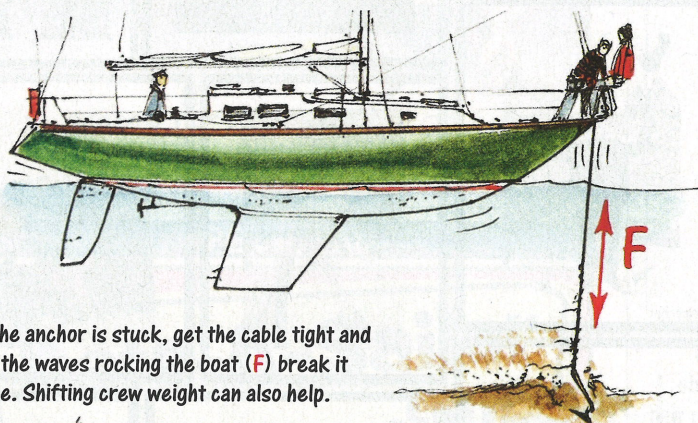
When you've got lots of chain on a muddy bottom, take it easy and haul it up in stages (A, B and C). This will give the current a chance

to clean the muck off. If the wind or tide is too strong to pull the cable in by hand, nudge the engine into ahead to take the load off.

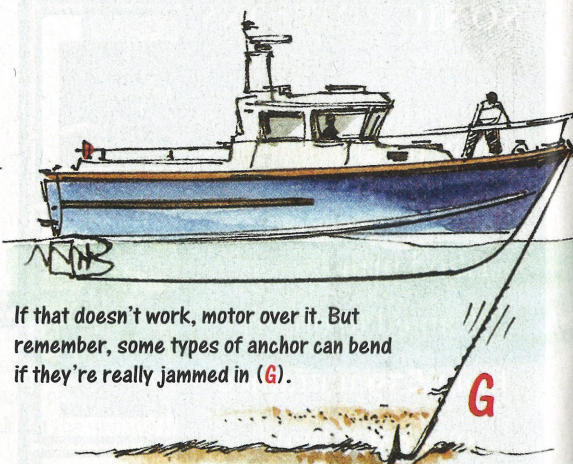
Some sea-angling boats have a neat way of weighing anchor. They use a large float (D) attached to a metal ring which they shackle around the anchor cable. Then they motor forward to one side of it...



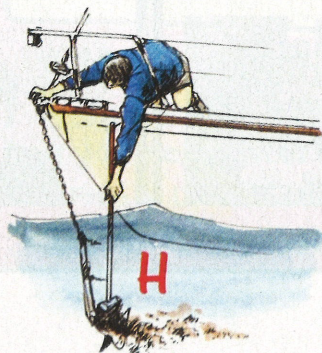
... The ring travels along the chain while the float starts to lift the anchor free of the sea bed. Eventually the anchor comes to the surface (E) where it can be retrieved from the cockpit.



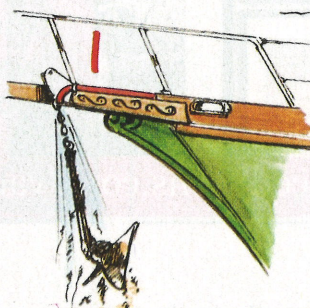
If the anchor is stuck, get the cable tight and let the waves rocking the boat (F) break it free. Shifting crew weight can also help.



If that doesn't work, motor over it. But remember, some types of anchor can bend if they're really jammed in (G).



To remove clinging mud (H) let the anchor dangle in the water as you get under way.



Some large cruisers have a powerful chain washer system installed (I).