

Steps for crabbing a twin shaft inboard boat sideways to dock?

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Crabbing a twin shaft inboard boat sideways to dock involves using the engines and rudders to move the boat laterally. Here are the steps to achieve this maneuver:

1. Prepare the Boat:
 - Ensure the boat is ready with fenders and lines.
 - Position the boat parallel to the dock.
2. Engine and Rudder Setup:
 - Turn the rudders towards the opposite direction of the desired sideways movement. For example, if you want to move the boat to port, turn the rudders to starboard ¹.
 - Place one engine in forward gear and the other in reverse. The engine in forward gear should be on the side you want to move the boat towards. For example, to move the boat to port, put the starboard engine in forward and the port engine in reverse ¹.
3. Adjust Engine Speeds:
 - Keep the engine on the desired side at idle RPM.
 - Increase the RPM on the opposite engine to around 150 RPM higher ¹.
4. Fine-Tune the Movement:
 - Make adjustments slowly to control the sideways motion.
 - Be cautious to prevent the boat from moving too quickly sideways ¹.
5. Environmental Factors:
 - Consider wind and current, as they can impact the boat's movement.
 - Practice in calm conditions first to understand how your boat handles without these external influences ¹.
6. Practice:
 - Repeat the process to get comfortable with the maneuver.
 - Adjust based on your boat's response and environmental conditions ¹.