Based upon certain characteristics such as fluke area, shank, stabilizers, it is possible to classify the various anchor types. To allow a rough comparison of anchor type efficiency, an indication (*) is provided for a 10T anchor as (HOLDING CAPACITY = WEIGHT * EFFICIENCY).

Class A: Efficiency range *33 to 55 Slender anchors with ultra-penetration. **FFTS** Stevshark Stevpris Class B: Efficiency range *17 to 25 Anchors with 'elbowed' shank, allowing for improved penetration. Bruce SS Bruce TS Hook Class C: Efficiency range *14 to 26 Anchors with open crown hinge neat the centre of gravity and relatively short shank and stabilizers or built-in stabilizers. Stevin Flipper Delta Stevfix Class D: Efficiency range *8 to 15 Anchors with hinge and stabilizers at the rear and relatively long shanks and stabilizers. Workboat LWT Moorfast - Stato - Offdrill Class E: Efficiency range *8 to 11 Anchors with very short, thick stabilizers; hinge at at the rear and a relatively short, more or less square-shaped shank. AC14 Snugstow Stokes Class F: Efficiency range *4 to 6 Anchor with square shank, no stock stabilizers. The stabilizing resistance is built-in the crown. US Navy Stockless Union Beyers