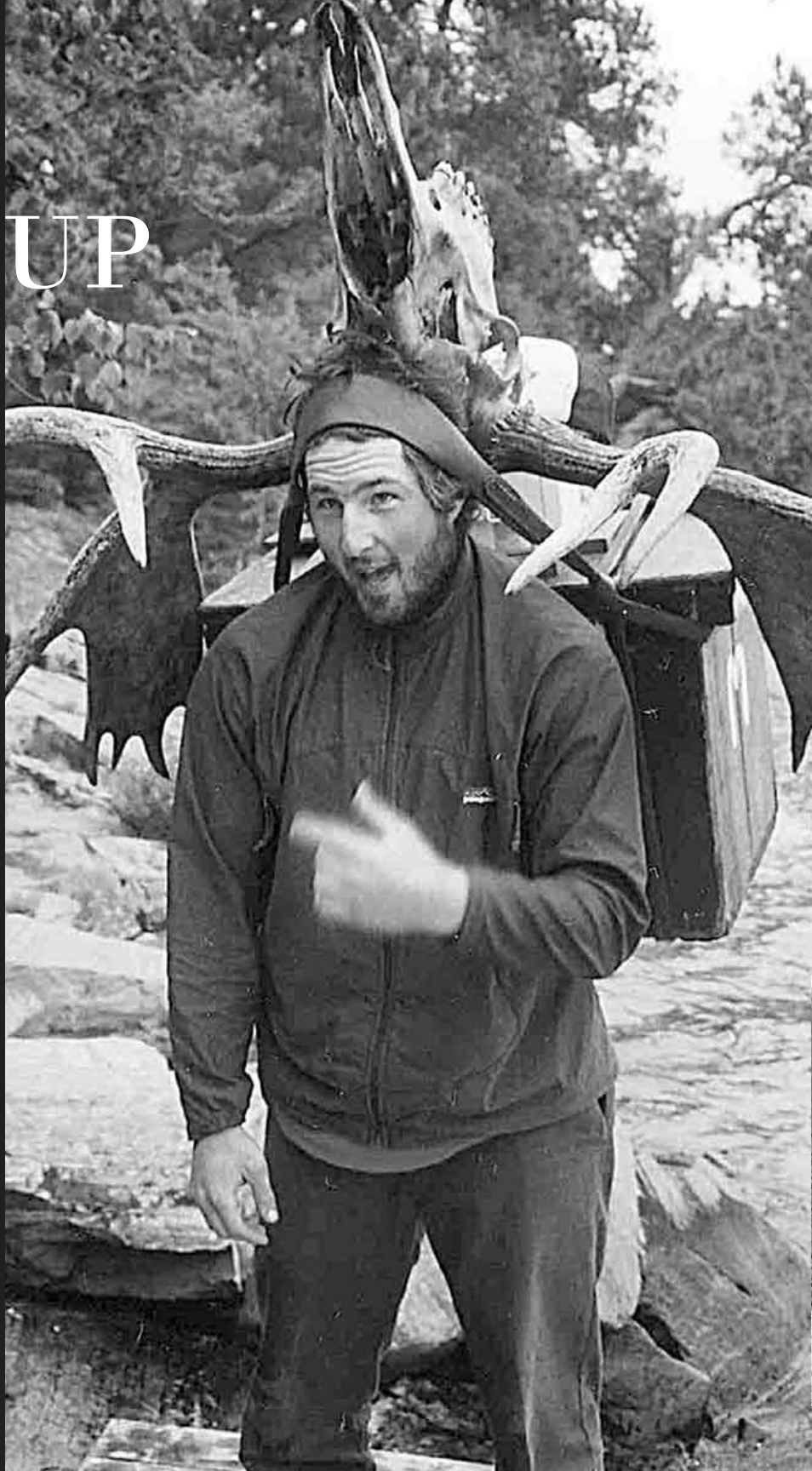


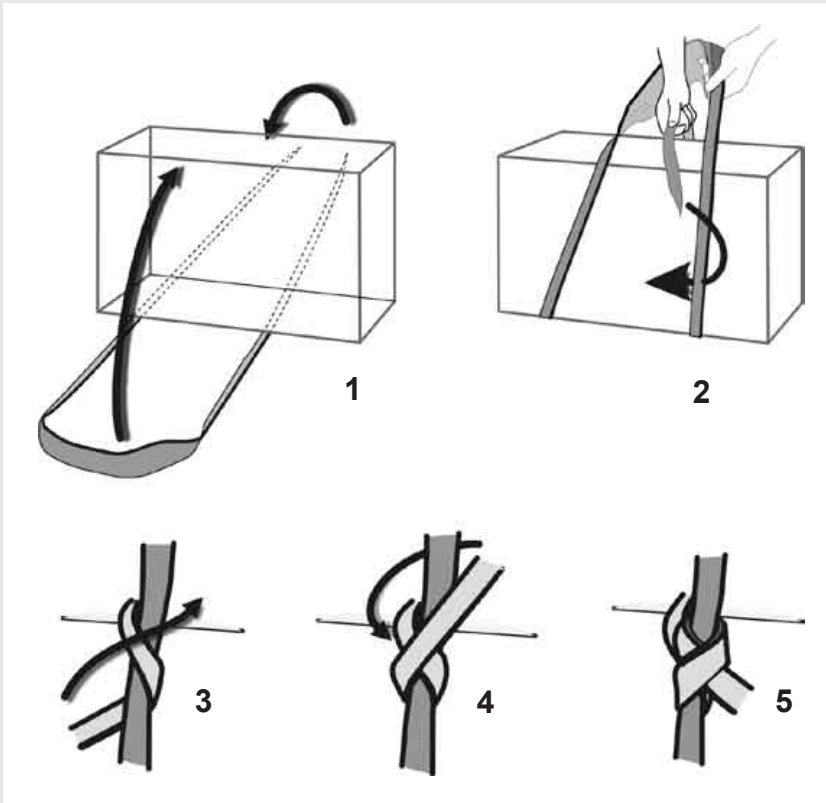
TUMP KNOT CLOSEUP

The tump knot secures a tumpline around a wannigan or double-pack. A nearly identical knot, utilized for almost any load, was used by Canada's First People before Keewaydin adopted it. Also known as wannigan knot.

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The Keewaydin Way
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VERSATILE TUMPING
Garrett Kephart carrying
a wannigan topped with a
moose rack — found on the
Trout Streams — the skull still
attached.





Tying the knot

The same knot is used on wannigans and double-packs. The right-side knot is shown. The left-hand knot is tied as the mirror image by first passing the line end under the headband.

Setup: Place tump on ground

Spread the tumpline on the ground and place the wannigan or double-pack on top. (frame 1)

Tip: Maintain tension

After the first turn (frame 3) maintain tension on the tumpline as it is pulled through the rest of the knot.

Tip: Position yourself above

Position yourself over the top of the load and tie the knot looking down on it. This will help maintain knot tension.

Sizing

The rule of thumb for carrying length is the distance between the elbow and the thumb. Length can be varied for personal preference from the yardstick method demonstrated by Heb Evans below.

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Finishing

The tails of the tump are taken around the rear and wrapped around the vertical straps to help position them. The ends are tied together with a square knot.

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