



## OR20 SNAP WEIGHT SYSTEM

(System contains Four OR16 Snap Weight Clips, Four Split Rings, Two each of the following Lead Weights:  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.,  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz., 1 oz.,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz., 2 oz., & 3 oz.)

*WARNING: This product contains lead, a chemical known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Wash your hands after handling this product.*

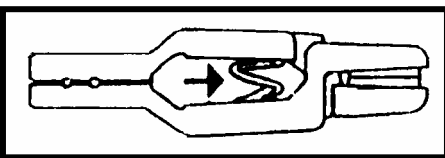
### FISHING WITH SNAP WEIGHTS

Catching walleye, salmon, trout and other game fish is a snap with Off Shore Tackle's OR20 Snap Weight. Trolling with snap weights is an exciting new angling method that's deadly on fish suspended near the surface or for those lunkers lurking in the depths.

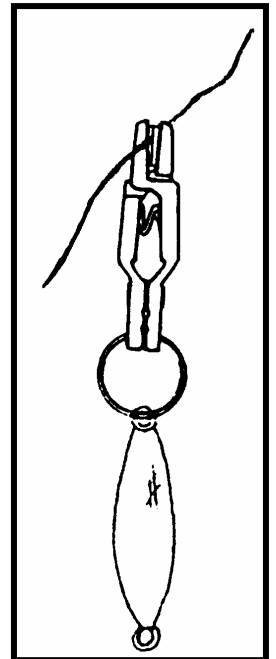
### WHAT ARE SNAP WEIGHTS?

Snap weights are a simple to use system for adding and removing weight from a fishing line. Snap weights enable anglers to attach a lead weight 20, 30, 50-feet or even farther in front of a trolling lure or bait. With an Off Shore Tackle Snap Weight adding and removing weight only takes a pinch from your index finger and thumb. The snap weight system incorporates an Off Shore Tackle OR16 (Snap Weight Clip) pinch pad clip connected to various size weights via a split ring.

When rigging a snap weight to the line, simply let out a desired lead length, pinch open the pad style OR16 (see the diagram to the right) clip and place the line into the clip behind the pin protruding through the center of the pad. The OR16 line clip has soft rubber pads and a strong spring that holds the weight securely on the line without fear of losing the weight or damaging the monofilament.



**NOTE: Make sure the spring on the OR16 clip is positioned in the heavy setting (see diagram to the left). If the spring is not in the heavy setting, move the spring toward the pads with the use of key, screwdriver, etc.**



When a fish is hooked, reel in the fish until the snap weight is within reach of the rod tip. Quickly remove the snap weight from the line and continue to fight the fish to net. It's that easy!

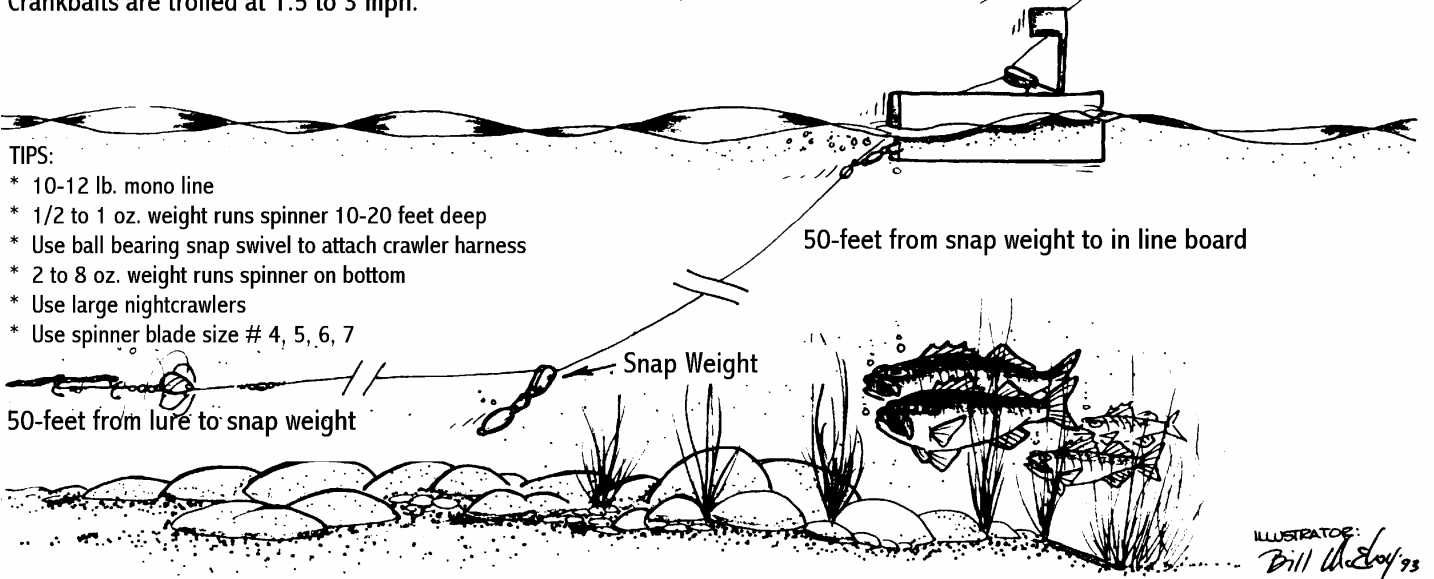
### THE 50/50 METHOD

Walleye, steelhead, trout or salmon suspended with 20' of the surface are prime targets for the 50/50 rigging method. Set your favorite spoon, spinner or shallow diving crankbait 50-feet behind the boat. Pinch an OR16 Snap Weight Clip onto the line and let out an additional 50-feet of monofilament. This lure and snap weight combination can be fished as a flat line or rigged on an Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer, OR31 Side Planer SST in line board or Riviera catamaran style dual or triple planer board (product no. DPB and TPB).

When using the 50/50 rigging method, it's best to start fishing with several different weights until the fish communicate which weight and depth range are most productive. Begin fishing each day with a lure spread that incorporates  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounce snap weights. Staggering lures at different depths is the fastest way to pattern suspended fish. Once a pattern has been determined, switch all lines over to duplicate the productive weight and lead combination as shown below.

## TROLLING SNAP WEIGHTS WITH SPINNERS "50/50" SYSTEM

The snap weight system is the walleye trolling breakthrough of the 1990's. Trolling speed for spinners is .5 to 1.5 mph. Downwind troll provides increased boat control and in line board stability. Distance between boat and in line board is 50 to 200 feet. Crankbaits are trolled at 1.5 to 3 mph.



### TIPS:

- \* 10-12 lb. mono line
- \* 1/2 to 1 oz. weight runs spinner 10-20 feet deep
- \* Use ball bearing snap swivel to attach crawler harness
- \* 2 to 8 oz. weight runs spinner on bottom
- \* Use large nightcrawlers
- \* Use spinner blade size # 4, 5, 6, 7

50-feet from lure to snap weight

50-feet from snap weight to in line board

Snap Weight

ILLUSTRATOR:  
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## WHAT LURES WORK BEST WITH SNAP WEIGHTS?

Snap weights can be used with any lure, but flutter spoons, spinners (nightcrawler harness) and crankbaits are the lures used most by the pros. The species of fish sought determines which lures should be used. For walleye, snelled spinners tipped with a fat nightcrawler are deadly during spring and summer. The pros choose green, chartreuse or silver Colorado style blades in sizes ranging from No. 3 to No. 6. In the fall, oversized shallow diving crankbaits fished in connection with snap weights produce best on walleye.

Large flutter spoons work best when trolling for Great Lakes salmon. Small flutter spoons and stickbait style cranks are deadly on steelhead and brown trout when rigged with snap weights. Use stickbaits early and late in the year when the water is cold. During the summer months, high action spoons produce the best steelhead and trout action.

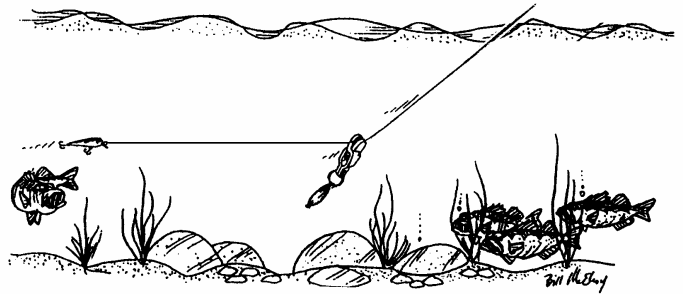
## SNAP WEIGHTS & DEEP WATER FISH

Snap weights can also be used to prevent lures near bottom in 20 to 50-feet of water. The amount of weight needed to fish in deep water varies depending on the water depth and trolling speed. Snap weights rigged with 4, 6, and 8 ounce weights are adequate for waters up to 50-feet deep. These weights are not included in the OR20, but are available as replacement weights (4 oz. is part number OR20 4, 6 oz. is part number OR20 6, and the 8 oz. is part number OR20 8).

Establish a trolling speed, select your favorite lure, let out a 50-foot lead. Next, add a snap weight with a 4, 6, or 8 ounce weight attached and free spool the rig to the bottom. When the weight strikes bottom engage the reel and place the rod in a rod holder.

Let out enough line so the snap weight is close to but not dragging bottom. Letting out too much line will cause the snap weight and lure to drag on bottom and may lead to unnecessary snags and tackle loss.

The 4, 6, and 8 ounce weights can be easily felt hitting bottom. Once the snap weight hits bottom, adjust the line a little at a time until the snap weight and the trailing lure rides slightly off of the bottom. This snap weight rigging method is deadly on fish that are hugging bottom. For fish suspended a few feet of bottom, try reeling in the snap weight a couple more feet. (See diagram on the right).



## OTHER USES OF SNAP WEIGHTS?

Snap weights can also be used to take deep diving crankbaits even deeper. Attach a snap weight with  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or 1 ounce of weight 50-feet in front of your favorite crankbait. The added weight will cause your cranks to run from five to 15-feet deeper than normal. Fishing spinners over mud flats is a popular method of catching walleye in the Great Lakes. Adding a 48-inch monofilament or Dacron leader between the OR16 clip and weight makes it easy to slow troll spinners over the mud without fear of the lures getting fouled in soft bottom debris. Start with a 30 to 50-foot trolling lead. Add an OR16 Snap Weight Clip with two or four ounces of weight attached to a 48-inch leader. Lower the weight to bottom until the weight touches bottom. This system can be fished straight out the back of the boat or attached to planer boards to increase lure coverage.

**THERE ARE MANY OTHER USES OF THE SNAP WEIGHT SYSTEM - USE YOUR IMAGINATION.**

## SNAP WEIGHT COLOR CODING TIP

Many anglers are color coding the sinkers/weights used for fishing snap weights. Painting each size weight a different color makes it easy to select weights at a glance. Powder paint such as Herbie's Magic Dust is the easiest way to color code lead weights. After the weights have been dipped in the powder, bake them on a cookie sheet in the oven at 350 degrees for 15 minutes to insure a durable finish.

## SUPER LINE TIP

Super braid line is made from a material that causes the line to be slippery. To prevent this type of line from sliding through the pinch pads of the OR16 Snap Weight Clip, we recommend looping the line around the release for a second time behind the protruding pin as shown below.

