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TROLLING FOR SLAB CRAPPIE WITH THE OR38 AWESOME CRAPPIE BOARD

BY: CHRIS GUPTON

When spring approaches and the water temps begin to reach 50 degrees most crappie anglers are starting to cruise the creek arms. Most anglers in the south choose to spider-rig (a method of long-lining jigs) in search of pre-spawn crappie.

Several years ago, I discovered a new approach by pulling a double jig rig behind Off Shore Tackle Planer Boards. Before the birth of the OR38 Awesome Crappie Board I experimented with the OR12 Side Planer equipped with Off Shore’s Tattle Flag™ system. This method became effective for us but still had its down falls, such as bite detection, rod flexibility and line size.

The birth of the OR38 started a new wave of crappie fishing with zero flaws. I was able to decrease rod size down to an 8 foot light 2-piece trolling rod, which has the right backbone to pull planer boards, It’s the perfect tip for once the fish is hooked it holds the right amount of resistance to increase your catch ratio since those paper mouths are so thin.

I basically took all my knowledge of trolling for walleye with planer boards and just downsized my tackle. I still use a small line counter reel because it’s still extremely important to know how much line and



how far down in the water column your jigs are running. I basically came up with my own device curve for this method of fishing. Most crappie will suspend from 10-15 feet deep in the spring when they are starting their migration. I use 10 lb. Berkley XT with a 6 foot, 6 lb. mono/leader rigged with two 1/16 oz jigs. I

have found that at a speed of 0.9 to 1.1 mph with 20 feet of line those baits are running about 10-12 foot deep.

I will usually designate one side of my spread with being my high side and the other being the low side. On the low side I will let out 30 feet of line and that puts me at the 15 foot range. I have found it is much easier to shuffle the OR38 if I rig the boards to release once a fish hits the line. It saves time and most importantly tangles. We don’t have a rod limit where I fish so I usually use 8 to 10 rods at a time. So, if you look at it from this point of view we have 16 to 20 jigs at a time in the water column.

Fish like nothing better than a school of bait fish swimming into their face. The best way to be successful with this method is to use the OR38 Awesome Crappie Boards. I promise once you try it and perfect this method you will put twice as many slabs in the boat.

Editor’s Note: Chris Gupton is a guide who fishes crappie and walleye often and a member of the Off Shore Tackle Pro Staff.

AND IN THIS CORNER.... THE HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPION

BY: CAPTAIN LANCE VALENTINE

Increasing the number of lures in the water is one of the easiest ways to increase your fishing success. Using “corner” rods is a simple way to get 2 more lures in the water and using Off Shore Tackle OR36 series Tadpole Divers make corner rods easy to set.

Any lure or live bait can be used behind the Tadpole, including spoons, crawler harnesses or my favorite, crankbaits. The “nose down” aggressive diving angle of the Off Shore Tackle Tadpole makes them a great choice for corner rods.

Picking the right size Tadpole is important. I’ve found that using a Tadpole that is “heavier” than needed works best on my boat day in and day out. My first choice is the OR36 Magnum Tadpole even though most of my target depths for trolling are shallower than 20 feet.

Off Shore Tackle’s Magnum Tadpoles dive steep and fast, meaning I can get the depth I need with very little line out. Also, since the Tadpole is close to the boat, I never need to clear it when landing a fish caught on a board line.

Dealing with floating vegetation is also faster and easier when using short leads. The diving angle of the Magnum Tadpole enables me to use a deep diving crankbait, something I can’t do with the smaller Tadpole sizes. Landing a fish and resetting the Magnum Tadpole is quick, meaning I have a lure back in the water faster than when using lighter Tadpoles.

The last advantage I’d like to share is that the Magnum finds and keeps it depth at faster trolling speeds and with less line out. Lots of days this year our best catch rate came on the Magnum Tadpoles, sometimes with as little as 12’ of line out, directly behind the boat! Adding corner rods with Off Shore Tackle OR36 Magnum Tadpoles to your trolling spread will for sure put more fish in your boat.



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MAXIMIZING TATTLE FLAGS™

BY: ERICH CARLSON

For decades, serious anglers have been depending upon the Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer to help put countless fish in the boat. When carefully set up with Off Shore’s OR12TFEK “Tattle Flag™” upgrade kit, the OR12 is an indispensable trolling tool. Countless anglers are now employing the Tattle Flag™ upgrade system on their Off Shore boards, but unfortunately many are still not using “Tattle Flags™” to their full potential.

If a decent fish hits the bait, the spring loaded flag will go down and yes, the bites are easier to detect. That in and of itself is a lot of fun and at the core of the system, but there is much more to learn if we just pay a little more attention to the details.

The latest version of the “Tattle Flag™” system consists of an enhanced flag stem with more placement options for the tension spring which allows anglers to precisely set the flag tension for each individual trolling presentation! I’ve outlined here a few common scenarios that require slightly different approaches and includes explanations on how to greatly improve your efficiency and productivity by trolling the OR12

Planer Boards rigged with the Tattle Flags™.

RIGGING FOR EFFICIENCY

There are several ways to rig and fish the “Tattle Flag™” equipped Off Shore Tackle planer boards. In recent years, I’ve chosen to run my OR12’s using the release or (twist) method. This set-up consists of the OR19 (Orange) release on the bracket, and the OR16 (Red) clip on the split ring attached to the wire. I wrap the line around my finger and put four twists in it, then I place the line in the OR19 (Orange) release with the loop that was on your finger toward the front of the board. Next, allow enough slack between your OR19 and OR16 so that the wire can move properly and the flag can drop. Using the “release” method makes checking lines simple. A quick snap of the rod tip and the line pops free of the release on the bracket. Whether you are simply checking a line or if you have a fish hooked up, the released board falls back behind the boat, still attached to the line via the OR16 clip. This not only will allow you to check middle and outside lines without clearing other board lines,

it gives you are more direct connection when battling a fish. Using the release method, the rod is doing the work of tiring the fish, helping anglers land more of the fish that bite and making trolling more efficient in the process.

WEED TROLLING WIZARD

One of my favorite ways to target walleye involves trolling spinner rigs through the tops of cabbage weed beds. Trolling in the cabbage is a presentation that demands the use of planer boards set up with Tattle Flags™.

Weed trolling with boards can be tough work, but it is deadly effective! Boards help put more fish in the boat by accomplishing two key objectives.

One, they help determine if the trailing lures are fishing clean and secondly the action of the boards themselves helps to entice walleye buried in the weeds into biting.

When trolling the weeds, tipping the tops of the cabbage with your spinner rigs is essential to enticing a bite from a walleye that are waiting in ambush. If you

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WHEN ALL THE PLANER BOARDS GO BACK

BY: MARK SAK

It doesn't happen to us often. When every planer board in the water drops back with a scrappy walleye on it the heart starts pumping and adrenaline starts flowing. We took a spring trip to Lake Erie and had some of the best walleye fishing I've ever had. The high point of the trip came when all six of my Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer boards went back at the same time, we landed all six fish and every fish was over 7 pounds!

We live for days like that and it's good to know how to handle such a fire drill. Here is what I do when the fish are cooperating more than usual.

For many, many years I have kept more than one net in the boat. I have a big expandable net that I use 90% of the time, and I keep a 4 foot short net in the boat for those moments when I either need a second net or I need a short net to use when I don't want to flag a heads up to other anglers that I am into the fish.

I learned that during the tourney days, anglers were actually waving nets in the air to get attention even when they weren't catching fish. We anglers always look for nets flying. But when we think back to all of the problems involved in netting fish, the net tangled in a pedestal tightener, or stuck on a screw in the gunwale, or sitting on the bottom of the lake, it's always a good practice to bring an extra net. It really comes through when the fish are in a feeding frenzy. More than a few times I have had two walleye sitting on the deck and had to net another fish with a walleye

already in the net because we couldn't get one of the fish out quick enough.

Another aspect of dealing with actively feeding fish is planer board spacing. I have heard a lot of folks in my boat say they like to run them close to create a school effect. I really prefer to run mine with at least 20 feet between boards. Not only does this allow me to cover more water, it also allows for that one fish that is going to start swimming towards the other line to clear so the other line and lure can slip through and I can keep that line in the water.

The pressure from the boat moving forward will naturally make most fish move up towards the surface so good spacing can help you keep your other lures in the water fishing and not in a tangle. I also will utilize "S" curves constantly while trolling and keeping a good spread will minimize tangles while turning too.

Here is hoping you have all of your Off Shore planer boards go back at the same time this year and you don't have one tangle. Get out there and enjoy some of the best walleye fishing ever seen in the Great Lakes region. I'll see you on the water.

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are fishing them properly, your spinner rigs will temporarily hang up in the weeds from time to time, and as they do so, the Tattle Flag™ will indicate when your baits are making contact with the weed cover.

By carefully monitoring the board and how the flag reacts, it's possible to detect when your baits are just ticking the tops of the weeds and when the baits are getting down too deep into the weed cover and fouling.

With a little practice it's possible to read the boards and flags and know when to leave your gear in the water and when to reel it in and clear the weeds off your baits. If the flag snaps down and then pops right back up, chances are the bait made contact with the weeds, but did not foul. If the flag goes down and stays down, chances are the bait is fouled. If the flag goes down and the board starts sagging back, either you have hooked a fish or snagged a solid chunk of cabbage.

Most of my bites come when the board pauses as the lure catches on the weed cover and then surges forward as the bait snaps free from the weeds.

Secondly, cabbage weeds attract a lot of bait fish and young of the year fish such as perch and bluegills. Setting the Tattle Flag™ springs to a light setting allows me to monitor those bites which appear on the flag as a tat-tat-tat. When I see that a small fish is nibbling on the bait, I know it's time to bring in the board and rebait.

FLAG TENSION MATTERS

My goal when fishing Tattle Flags™ in the weed cover is to set my spring setting as light as possible for each situation. The beauty of the Off Shore Tackle Tattle Flag™ system is the flag tension can be adjusted on both the flag stem and also by using the corresponding holes along the nose of the OR12 Side Planer. No other articulating flag system on the market has so many spring tension adjustment options.

OPEN WATER TATTLING

There is no place that the Off Shore Tackle OR12 is more at home than trolling open water for big walleye. If you think about destinations like Lake Erie, Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron, Green Bay to name a few, thoughts of "BIG" walleye really get the blood pumping for the recreational angler and tournament pros alike.

I always consider the use of Tattle Flags™ an essential part of my trolling set up! Whether trolling spinners or crankbaits, a carefully tuned "Tattle Flag™" will absolutely provide an edge to putting more fish in the boat! Here's how. Success while trolling hinges on the efficiency of your set up. Take a place such as Lake Erie for instance, the fishing is truly incredible on this body of water, as there are tremendous numbers of various year classes of fish in the system, from 10 to 14 inch skippers all the way to 10 to 14 pound giants.

On some of my recent trips to Erie I found the careful use of my Tattle Flags™ to be a key in making sure I am fishing clean and being as efficient as possible. The problem is small walleye and white bass tend to hit my Bandits and 800 Series Reef Runners just as readily as the big fish.

The key to fishing clean was being able to identify when our bait was dragging a small walleye or non-target species. That is easier said than done especially when trolling large cranks and Off Shore Tackle Pro Snap Weights. All that resistance makes it difficult to detect a small fish, especially in rough water where your boards are surging.

The "Tattle Flag™" System is up to the challenge! If used to its full potential the Tattle Flag™ allows you to dial in each board with each individual bait to a point where you can identify when a line needs to be checked. There honestly is no one setting that covers all bases. I believe that to be the biggest mistake in using the Tattle Flag™ is that anglers simply don't take the time to make the necessary adjustments. An 800 Reef Runner with an OR20 3 ounce Pro Guppy Snap Weight pulls a lot harder than a No. 9 Berkley Flicker Minnow rigged the same way and each set up requires a different Tattle Flag™ setting on the board.

The reality is that every single bait and every set up requires that you take a few seconds to do what I refer to as "dialing in" your board. It's a pretty simple concept, yet MANY anglers I know simply don't take the time to do this. You simply can't catch trophy class fish if you are trolling around with 10 inch fish attached to your baits.

Every time you change a bait, check the tension on your flag. Ideally, you'll want your flag to just tight enough to barely remain upright with your bait in tow. I check this by letting the board out a few feet from the boat, and then slowly increasing the speed by sweeping my rod forward. If properly set, the flag reacts by softly tipping back to almost the halfway point or more, but will ride upright without the "sweep".

If the flag slams down, it's too loose and you need increase the tension. If it doesn't move, it's too tight and you need to decrease the tension. In rough water where the boards may be surging dialing them in is a little tougher, but with a little practice, you'll get the hang of it. The difference is that you need to get used to the flag slightly falling back with every surging of boards or rolling of the waves. If your line has a small fish on it, typically your flag will hang back just a little bit more or slam a lot quicker with the surge of a wave.

STRUCTURE TROLLING

It's really no secret that walleye love structure! While there are multiple approaches to fishing structure, a carefully planned trolling spread remains one of the

most effective ways to do so. When fish are scattered over a large piece of structure, pulling a set of Off Shore Tackle Planers with crankbaits or spinner rigs is my go-to method. In a structure scenario Tattle Flags™ will improve your catch rates and give you a better understanding of how your baits are fishing if you take the time to use them at their full potential.

Similar to fishing boards in weeds, you'll want your Tattle Flags™ set as light as possible while still remaining in the upright positions. This is extremely important while fishing areas that are holding lots of bait such as gobies, or perch, as properly setting your spring tension of the Tattle Flags™ will help identify that your bait is being pecked away at or when you're dragging a goby.

The closer to the bottom you're fishing the more important it is to have Tattle Flags™ rigged properly. Having to do so REALLY puts those baits down in "Gobyville". Using the (PTD) Precision Trolling Data App available on your iPhone or Android Device is simple and will certainly help you determine exactly where to set your baits in order to hit the sweet spot on your targeted structure, maximize your catch, and keep snags to a minimum.

Back in 2013 my good friend and longtime tournament partner Wayne VanDyke and I had the good fortune of identifying an unbelievable structure bite in the St. Mary's River System. We ended up winning the Cabela's NTC event and one of the big keys to our success was the use of the Tattle Flag™ system. Most of the time, we literally had to be banging rock to get bit, which meant our baits needed to be within inches of the bottom.

This also put our spinners right smack into hordes of gobies. It was essential that we were paying close attention to our tuned in Tattle Flags™ to ensure we were running clean. The fish were holding on key spots on the structure and having a clean running bait when we hit those areas was vital. Sometimes those gobies would be indicated with a tat-tat-tat, and other times the flag might tip just a ¼ to ½ inch, but this would've been impossible to detect without the attention to detail we paying to the Tattle Flags™. Maximizing our efficiency was key to our success.

IT'S UP TO YOU

The reality is, your success as an angler relies on you. If you choose to be informed, work hard, and pay attention to details you will surely catch more fish.

There's a wide array of variables that dictate how Tattle Flags™ should be set, let the conditions tell you what to do. Used to their full potential, Tattle Flags™ will undoubtedly give you an edge and put more fish in your boat.

TADPOLE DIVERS, SALMON AND TROUT STYLE

BY: JAMIE ROBINSON

Over the last couple of years I have had an absolute blast trolling for Great Lakes salmon and trout by utilizing the OR36 Tadpole Resettable Diving Weights. I mainly use them in conjunction with the OR12 Side Planer and the excitement of seeing a salmon or trout bury your OR12 Side Planer is one site that will never get old. This set-up has landed more salmon for me than anything else during the first few months of the season.

In the spring and early summer, when the salmon and trout are higher in the water column, I have found that using the Tadpole resettable weights is the easiest and quickest way to dial in and catch salmon and trout. Based on water temperature at this time of year, the fish I am targeting are usually within the top 30 feet.

The Tadpole's come in 4 sizes, No. 1, 2, 3 and Magnum. I pick the appropriate size Tadpole by checking out a necessity for any troller, the Precision Trolling Data App. I typically run lengths of 60 to 100 feet behind the OR12 Side Planer to dial in the appropriate depth.

At the terminal end, I run approximately a 6' fluorocarbon leader behind the Tadpole to a Yakima Bait Company's 3.0 Mag Lip plug. The size and skip beat action of this plug works great when the fish are concentrating on smelt and other forage species. My best fishing takes place close to shore and at river mouths during the early season. There are a few advantages of the Tadpole in my opinion that makes

it stand out over other in-line weights or even lead core. The one main advantage is the Tadpole has a dive curve. This simple fact beats in-line weights and lead core because you require less line out to obtain your desired depth. This is a big advantage for me because one river mouth I fish off of, can have a lot of boat traffic where it is difficult to run any leader length of more than 100' without possibly getting hung up with other anglers.

The second advantage is the Tadpole is so simple to use and quick to set. Once you are rigged with the Tadpole attached to your line that is it for the day. No need to be snapping on weights when setting or snapping off weights when battling a fish. No need to run diving devices that sometimes hamper the feel of fighting fish. With the Tadpole being resettable, if you lose a fish there is no need to reel it all in either, just give it a little slack line, it resets, and let it out the desired distance and you are back in the business of fishing.

Next time out give the Tadpole a try, it has made a real difference in my salmon trolling spread.

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TUNED CRANKBAITS ARE JUST A CLICK AWAY

BY: MARK ROMANACK

The new Off Shore Tackle OR40 EZ Crankbait Tuner is unlike any device ever produced to help anglers tune their crankbaits. Designed with both off set jaws and an adjustable slip clutch, the EZ Crankbait Tuner is infinitely adjustable making it the perfect tool for tuning all sizes, brands and models of crankbaits.

A properly running or "tuned" crankbait dives straight down in the water and enjoys maximum action and also maximum diving depth. Unfortunately, many crankbaits are not properly tuned when new in the package and even if a crankbait is tuned when new, normal use will eventually cause the bait to get knocked out of tune.

Anglers who routinely fish with crankbaits understand the need to tune their lures regularly to keep these lures catching fish consistently. Lures that are running right of center will need the pull point bent slightly to the left. Baits that are running to the left of center will need the pull point bent to the right.

Adjusting or tuning a crankbait is a trial and error process and it routinely takes several adjustments to get a bait running straight. Unfortunately, not every angler has the patience to tune crankbaits properly and as a result many anglers are casting and trolling with baits that are badly out of tune and nearly useless as fish catching tools.

The EZ Crankbait Tuner is a specially designed with an off set jaw that makes gripping the pull point on a crankbait easy. The long jaw is placed against the lure's diving lip and the short jaw is positioned against the wire pull point or eye tie molded into the lure's lip.

By gently squeezing the handle, pressure is applied directly to the pull point. The EZ Crankbait Tuner features off set jaws and it also features an adjustable slip clutch design that allows the angler to customize how much pressure is applied to the wire pull point. The clutch on the jaw is first set by pinching the jaws together. When pressure is applied to the pull point, the clutch allows the jaw to pop open. The amount of pressure controlling the clutch is adjusted by tightening or loosening a thumb screw holding the jaws of the EZ Crankbait Tuner together.

Because different crankbaits use different thickness wire in their pull points, it's necessary to try different clutch tension settings for different brands and models of crankbaits. To make an adjustment, begin by squeezing the jaws together to set the clutch mechanism, then open the jaws and place the long jaw on the diving lip of the bait and the short jaw on the wire pull point.

When the handle is squeezed an audible click occurs that tells you the slip clutch on the jaws is functioning. Before going to make another adjustment, **ALWAYS RESET the clutch by squeezing the jaws back together and try again.**

The goal of the EZ Crankbait Tuner is to apply just enough pressure to the wire pull point to make small and incremental adjustments. Each time an adjustment is made, cast the lure again to see how adjusting the wire pull point has influenced the lure.

After a few adjustments the crankbait should be diving straight into the water and is ready for either



With the help of the OR40 EZ Crankbait Tuner, a tuned and fish catching crankbait is just a click away.

casting or trolling. Tuning crankbaits is one of those jobs no one looks forward to, but the job is essential to keeping crankbaits running true and catching fish.

Off Shore's OR40 EZ Crankbait Tuner takes the guess work out of tuning a crankbait and that's a good thing.

IN-LINE BOARD TACTICS, MONOFILAMENT OR BRAID

BY: MARK ROMANACK

A great debate is forming among open water board trollers. Traditionalists say that monofilament is still the best option for an open water trolling line, but a growing number of anglers have decided that super braids are the way to go. The good news is at Off Shore Tackle, we have you covered no matter which type of line suits for board trolling fancy.

MONOFILAMENT/FLUOROCARBON

The popular OR12 Side Planer comes factory rigged for fishing monofilament with an OR19 (orange) release on the bracket and an OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip (red) mounted to the rear of the board. This rig-

ging configuration is ideal for fishing monofilament line from 10 to 25 pound test in size and also similar sizes of fluorocarbon line.

The OR38 Awesome Crappie Board is also factory set up for trolling with monofilament and fluorocarbon lines. This pint sized version of the Side Planer features an OR10 (yellow) release on the bracket and an OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip (red) mounted to the tail of the board.

In both the OR12 and OR38 boards, this rigging configuration is designed to allow anglers to fish with monofilament or fluorocarbon line and also to release their boards when a fish is hooked. When a

fish is hooked on either the OR12 or OR38 the angler can trip the line free from the release on the board's bracket by simply giving the rod tip a sharp snap.

Once the line pops free from the bracket release the board spins around in the water and remains attached to the line thanks to the uniquely designed OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip. The OR16 features a small plastic pin that protrudes through the center of the rubber pads. When the OR16 is opened up and the fishing line placed behind the plastic pin, the board is effectively fixed to the line and can be easily reeled in without having to fight the resistance of the board.

This simple, but effective rigging method allows

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anglers to stack two, three, four or even more boards per side of the boat and never have to clear board lines in order to fight and land hooked fish!

THE LOOP TRICK

Another simple rigging option known as the “loop trick” allows anglers who fish monofilament and fluorocarbon line to trip their boards with less jerking on the rods. To rig the loop trick, simply reach up and grab the fishing line once the desired amount of lead length has been played out behind the boat. Spin the line around your index finger to create a small loop of line and a few twists. Place the twists of line in the back of bracket release leaving about 1/2 inch of loop exposed. Then place the line behind the pin in the OR16 clip to complete the rigging.

The loop trick makes it easy to trip the board when it’s time to switch out lures or change lead lengths. In many cases, when a solid fish is hooked, the fish will trip the board. If the fish doesn’t trip the board, a short snap of the rod tip will complete the job.

SUPER BRAIDS

A growing number of anglers are depending more and more on the thin diameter and low stretch characteristics of super braid lines. Traditional pinch pad style line releases like the OR10, OR14 and OR19 simply don’t function well with the super slick surface of Spectra braids and Microdyneema fused fishing lines.

Anglers who choose to use these super lines are advised to invest in a couple of different line clips designed to function with braid including the OR18 Snapper Release and a recently released product called the OR39 Sam’s Pro Release produced by Silver Horde.

The Snapper Release is a cam operated clip that is designed to hold super lines securely. Anglers who use the Snapper Release can’t trip the board and must reel in the board as it is planing to remove it from the line. This old school method works fine, but it requires anglers to clear inside lines when fighting and landing fish hooked on an outside board.

The OR18 Snapper comes as standard equipment on the OR37 SST Pro Mag Planer which is commonly used among anglers who fish segmented lead core, weighted stainless wire and stranded copper wire set ups with a super braid as the backing line.

For anglers who want to fish with super braids and also to rig their boards so they release, the OR39 Sam’s Pro Release is the answer. This jettison style release features a rubber plunger that the braid is wrapped around. After wrapping the braid around the plunger a few times, the plunger is snapped into the jettison bracket. The tension of the jettison is controlled by a small stainless steel set screw.

As a second release, anglers can choose from either the OR18 Snapper mounted to the tail of the board or the OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip. If the OR16 is used, the braided line should be wrapped around the release

twice with the line behind the plastic pin. Rigged in this fashion the OR12, OR38 and the OR37 SST Pro Mag boards can all be rigged to release when fishing super braid lines.

MORE ON THE SAM’S PRO RELEASE

The Sam’s Pro Release is manufactured by Silver Horde, but this product is being private labeled exclusively to Off Shore Tackle. This unique jettison style release is easy to use and it can be mounted to any Off Shore Tackle in-line board by bolting it to the bracket to create a fixed release position or by means of a split ring to create a swiveling release position.

Some anglers feel the swiveling release rigging method helps in-line boards run better in rough water. Others feel the fixed release position functions best. The beauty of this situation is the angler can easily rig their boards either way and make up their own mind which works best for their style of fishing.

THERE YOU HAVE IT

With Off Shore Tackle all three of their in-line boards can be rigged and fished with all the common fishing lines including monofilament, fluorocarbon, Spectra braids and Microdyneema fused lines. Versatility is just one of the reasons so many anglers choose Off Shore Tackle. It’s also a big reason why Off Shore Tackle continues to be the “Leader in Trolling Technology”!

FINDING FISH IS JOB ONE

BY: MIKE DEFIBAUGH

On the National Walleye Trail, competition is fierce and it takes an edge to be consistently successful. Off Shore Tackle helped me achieve two different top 10 finishes at the Saginaw Bay and Lake Winnebago tournaments. Covering water is one of the keys to finding fish and with Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer boards I’m able to cover huge amounts of water quickly.

On Saginaw Bay I targeted fish in 33-35 feet of water that were feeding near bottom on gobies. In this case I used Off Shore Tackle’s OR20 Series Pro Weights to get my rigs down to bottom and Side Planer boards to spread out my lines.

On Lake Winnebago fish hold on very small and isolated pieces of structure. I

trolled using Side Planer boards to find these small pockets of fish, then went back to the same areas and fished them more thoroughly with jigs to pull bonus fish. Without the help of OR12 Side Planer boards I could never have found these fish without spooking them.

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GET RIGGED RIGHT WITH SRT’S

BY: LARRY HARTWICK

Anyone who uses either in-line planers, full size dual or triple planers understands the importance and challenges of keeping their planer lines separated properly and their rods situated as to not interfere with each other. For years the only option was rod holders spaced along the gunwale set at different angles. It works but there isn’t much separation between rod tips and the lines going to the planers.

With the advent of vertical rod towers the world changed for the better. The early units were all welded tubes to the vertical post that severely limited options on how they were used. The Riviera Swiveling Rod Tower (SRT) cures those issues. All rod holders are adjustable in 15 degree increments. All rod holders are made from heavy duty aircraft aluminum and powder coated for durability and looks. The tops of the rod holders are now fully radiused insuring that your rod handles don’t get damaged. It eliminates the vinyl rod collar that was hard to glue on and had a tendency to end up in the lake. This process costs more than gluing a vinyl cap on but is a better feature.

The SRT’s are available in configurations of up to 6 rod holders. With the rod holder being positioned vertically, there is a huge difference in the location of the rod tips or the spread between them. This results in less clutter and confusion in the cockpit. The area that was occupied by rods is now open to set lines and net fish. The rods are all in one location and very easy to access.

Need to remove them? Riviera is the only company that has a base that enables the user to remove or replace the SRT in seconds. Simply pull out the spring loaded pin in the base and lift out or replace the vertical tube in the base. Simple and extremely strong. The base is mounted to a mounting plate (included) using 4 – 5/16” thumb screws. The base can also be attached to an optional mount (SRTTA) that can be used on most permanently mounted tracks. The base also allows the unit to be locked into position every 90 degrees, allowing the unit to be facing outward, to the bow, to the transom, or into the cockpit for docking, trailering or running. No one else has this feature.

Are they strong enough? Yes, they are. Our rod holder will support my 240 pounds bouncing up and down with no ill effect. Your rods are in good rod holders.

I only have one regret about the SRT’s, and that is I didn’t design them 20 years earlier as it would have made my fishing much easier.

USING SCIENCE TO CATCH WALLEYE IS JUST WHAT THIS DOCTOR ORDERED

BY: DR. JAKE TROMBLEY

Over the past two tournament seasons my tournament partner, Peter Schaefer, and I have grown quite fond of pulling big walleye out of the weeds. Unfortunately, this can be a lot of work for little reward if you’re not having your baits running in the right location. Too low in the water column and you’re dragging in the weeds, picking them off your line and not having your baits in the water during key tournament hours. Too high and you’re not able to lure those big walleye from their dark weedy hiding places.

In the past, it has almost been a guessing game with how deep your baits are running. Throw in another factor of speed, and you’re having even more of a guessing game. Thanks to Precision Trolling Data and Off Shore Tackle OR20 Series Pro Guppy Weights, all the guesswork has been removed allowing you to put more walleye in the boat!

Pairing the Precision Trolling Data app along with Off Shore’s Pro Guppy Weights allows the anglers to place their baits directly above the weeds at multiple speeds to keep them running right in that strike zone and out of the weeds. With the changes in weed height, anglers can speed up, or slow down to continue to keep the baits in the zone they need to be. A lot of times for us, this triggers a bite.

Not only does this method work for crawler rigs, it also works for getting big crankbaits deep in open water. Using the OR20 2 ounce Off Shore Tackle Pro Guppy Weights on the Precision Trolling app allows you to precisely place big crankbaits deep to get those monster open water walleye.

I recommend locating the pods of fish on your graph and placing the baits approximately two to five feet above the fish depending on water clarity in order to place your baits in the strike zone. Off Shore Tackle and Precision Trolling has used science to help anglers put more fish in the boat!



Taking the scientific approach comes natural for tournament pro Jake Trombley.

THE 50 PLUS 2 METHOD FOR FISHING SNAP WEIGHTS

BY: GARY PARSONS AND KEITH KAVAJECZ



The bite is on fire and you’ve got the “hot” lure dialed in! There is just one problem - your fish have moved deeper than the maximum depth the lure can reach naturally. The solution to this problem is easy! Just break out the Off Shore Tackle OR20 Pro Weight System and snap on a 2 oz. Guppy Weight!

The Guppy Weight being used as a Snap Weight, is the most versatile weighting system on the market! Equipped with a red OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip, it is easy to attach the weight to your line. You don’t have to worry about the weight coming off your line either, since the OR16 clip has a pin protruding through the pads to keep the line from slipping through.

Using Snap Weights is a very easy and convenient way to get your lure deeper, as you don’t need to carry specialized rod and reel combos, such as lead core set-ups, in your boat. Just let out a leader of line, clip on the Snap Weight, and then let out a dropper line. Of course, the bait will dive to a certain depth with just the leader, but the more line you let out for the dropper, the deeper the Snap Weight will go, and

correspondingly, the deeper the crankbait will end up running!

This is a very efficient way to fish since you will be able to deploy lines faster, land fish quickly, and reduce the time it takes to check lines. Speaking of checking lines, an added bonus of the Snap Weight is that it stops a lot of debris from moving down your line by picking up or deflecting weeds.

Now that you know what to use to get your bait down, let’s talk about how to get it in the “strike zone”. Precision Trolling Data has spent countless hours gathering data on the diving depths of the Snap Weight when paired with 16 of the most popular walleye baits on the market! The initial data was gathered with a 50-foot leader of 10# Berkley Trilene XT (which is considered the most popular trolling line on the market at the time, especially for open water) with a 2 oz. Snap Weight attached. This method has been dubbed the “50 Plus 2” method. Tests were done at two speeds - 1.5mph and 2.5mph. The crankbaits were then tested with varying droppers out to 100 feet.

To use the data, download the Precision Trolling

Data app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store on your IOS or Android phone for free. The app comes with one lure (the Berkley #7 Flicker Shad) so you can try out the functionality of the app. If you find it useful you can purchase additional lure data individually – or you can purchase a Lifetime membership and get all the data that is currently tested as well as any data that is gathered in the future. Open the app and select the line type of “10# Berkley XT/50ft Leader 2 oz. Snap Weight”. Then select the speed you are trolling and the depth you would like the bait to run. The app will then tell you the total amount of line to let out (leader + dropper).

Let’s look at an example. A #7 Berkley Flicker Shad has a maximum dive depth of 14 feet on 10# Berkley Trilene XT. To do this you would have to let out 131 feet of line. Let’s say we want to fish this lure 18 feet down at 2.5 mph. You would change the line type to “10# Berkley Trilene XT / 50ft Leader 2oz Snap Weight” and set the MPH to 2.5mph. Next you would set the “Feet Down” to be 18. The app will display the “Feet Back” as 78. The 78 refers to the total amount of line out. To fish this lure at 18 feet down you would let out the #7 Flicker Shad and 50 feet of line. Then attach the Off Shore 2 oz. Snap Weight. Then add another 28 feet of “dropper” for a total of 78 feet.

You can run the lure right behind the boat (make sure the rod tip is close to the water surface) or attach it to an Off Shore in-line planer board to send the setup out to the side of the boat. It is important to remember that the board attached at 78 feet will not affect the depth the lure is diving, no matter how far out from the side of the boat you run the board.

You may have noticed that we are able let out less line to run the bait 18 feet down (78 feet of line), than we need to let out to get down to 14 feet on its own (131 feet of line). This means that there is less line to reel in when you get a fish, making you more efficient. For this reason, there are times that we add a Snap Weight to our trolling set up, not just to get deeper, but so we can let out less line.

The combination of the Snap Weight and the data from the Precision Trolling Data App will give you the ability to target fish like you never have before!

Editor’s Note: Gary Parsons and Keith Kavajecz are tournament professionals, the hosts of the Next Bite TV series and some of the longest standing Pro Staffers for Off Shore Tackle Company.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING

Maybe you missed some of our past editions of the “Off Shore Release”, or are need of more information on our products and their usage. All of this information is always available 24/7 on our website, www.offshoretackle.com!

MIXED BAG TROLLING

BY: RICH WICKLUND

Although I love trolling the Great Lakes and targeting one specific species of fish, I think something can be said about watching an Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer equipped with the Tattle Flag™ dancing next to the water and wondering what is at the end of the line affixed to your board.

Over the last few years, running a tackle business, tournament fishing, and driving countless hours to and from great walleye hot spots has taken its toll. This year I decided to reenergize myself by fishing more inland lakes. There has to be walleye and other great table fare in local bodies of water that many people are overlooking! The information I have garnered these last few months is priceless and, in some part, will pave the way for how I attack new bodies of water and tournament fishing in the future.

FIND THE WEEDS

During May and June, many of the weeds in Michigan waters are starting to grow and have yet to reach their peak. This type of structure tends to hold volumes of walleye, crappie, pike, and perch during the middle of the day where they stop to rest and avoid the mid-day sun. If you can put a plan together to actively target weed flats, you are going to put fish in the boat.

SCOUTING

Utilize your electronics to map out weed beds. Find the edges that are located closer to deeper water and lay a trail right over top of it. Make sure to mark the starting point and ending point of the weeds. Go directly over top of the weeds and take note of how far they are below the surface of the water. Taking the time to map out these weeds can help eliminate issues when it comes to choosing the right bait and the correct location to place your boat and setup for your trolling passes.

THE LURES

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to have

your bait ripping through the weeds to catch fish. Fishing the sides and directly over top of large weed beds can reap huge rewards. Just because these fish are using this type of structure to hide doesn't mean they are not hungry and willing to strike at anything that goes by. They are often just inside the weed edges. Whether they are laying just inside the horizontal edge or the vertical edge, putting baits next to or over top of these fish can result in quick, fast, action. Select baits that match the fry or bait size that resides in this body of water. Downsizing your normal offerings from other bodies of water is always a sure bet to put multiple species of fish in your boat. Select baits with shallow dive cures. The object is to get your baits to dive slightly above the tops of the weeds. Choosing baits with erratic action and noise inducing rattles helps create vibration and sound. The fish lying in wait might not be able to see the bait as it approaches so this noise and vibration helps alert them that something is coming. For me, I prefer the Berkley Flicker Shad series in either size 4 or 5. They come in a variety of colors, produce plenty of noise and vibration, match the smaller bait sizes that are in most inland bodies of water, and are edible by a multitude of fish species.

THE SETUP

Just like with big lake trolling, wind speed, wind direction, and boat speed can play big on how you troll different sections of water. I always like to start out trolling with the wind and adjust my boat speed to produce optimum action for the lure I am using. I like to setup about 50 feet from the edge of the weeds and I use my Off Shore OR12 Side Planer boards equipped with the Off Shore Tackle Tattle Flag™ upgrade kits to take my first bait close to the edge of the weeds. Utilizing the same planer boards, I send my next offering just inside the edge followed by a bait that works directly over top of the weeds. With these baits I can make large setback changes which helps to avoid

tangles while minimizing the amount of depth they actually dive. Do not overlook the deeper side of the boat opposite the weeds. Depending on the location of these weeds, that deeper edge side can house lots of fish holding close to the bottom while waiting for food to come within reach. Light Tattle Flag™ tension settings ensure that I can see the lightest of bites. Oftentimes, fish such as crappie, blue gills, and bass will come ripping to the surface before you even know they are hooked.

SOMETHING FOR THE FAMILY

Mixed bag trolling is something that is fun for the whole family. Although a vast majority of us like to fish bigger bodies of water, the weather isn't always conducive to allowing us to get out. With those areas, we are often left with picking and choosing the days that we fish. There are many people (kids included) that simply cannot handle big water. With inland lakes, you can usually fish them regardless of the winds. You can include swimming, picnics, and other activities with your fishing adventure. In my experiences, people have started to bypass inland lakes for “limit friendly” bodies of water. As a result, fish populations have grown healthy in many areas. Next time you're itching to go fishing, might I suggest that you look no further than your closest inland body of water. You can still use the same equipment, techniques, and tactics to put many species of fish in your live well. You get the opportunity to watch that Off Shore Tattle Flag™ dance while you ponder what might be on the other end of the line. You might just be surprised at what you catch!

Editor's Note: Off Shore Pro Staffer, Rich Wicklund is an accomplished angler and huge advocate for getting young people involved in fishing.

Off Shore Tackle Company LLC would like to extend our apologies to Rich Wicklund as our printed version of the 2019 Off Shore Release showed this article as being written by someone else by accident.



Fishing is exciting for anglers young and old alike. Abby is enjoying every minute of this special day spent targeting crappie.

CHASING EASTERN BASIN EYES WITH TADPOLE DIVERS

BY: ZAK JOBES

Chasing walleye during the summer on the Great Lakes can be challenging at times. Anglers have to adapt by using different techniques while utilizing electronics to intercept roaming walleye. On Lake Erie for instance, the best summer time walleye fishing can be found in the cooler, deeper waters of the eastern basin near Dunkirk and Buffalo New York. Many of the fish that call Lake Erie home spend most of the summer months in this section of the lake chasing the bait-fish that allows them to grow to epic proportions. Like many other Great Lakes fish, the walleye in Erie tend to travel great distances chasing bait such as emerald shiners, gizzard shad and smelt to

the cooler, deeper waters. Once you find the bait you will often times find not only the largest fish in the system but also the most active. My go to presentation this time of year are worm harnesses behind an Off Shore Tackle OR36 series Tadpole Diving Weight. The great thing about the use of Tadpoles are they are available in a variety of different sizes to get baits as deep at 50 feet in the water column. Once you locate where the fish are in the water column by using your electronics it is important to position your baits above the fish keeping in mind fish will often times swim up to strike a bait. I use the Precision Trolling app available on most smart phones which

allows me to determine how much line to let out to get to my desired depth. One thing that makes the Off Shore Tackle Tadpole so effective is how great it is in not only big waves but also current. The Tadpole is a resettable diving weight that helps eliminate the amount of vertical swim associated when using in-line weights in big waves or heavy current. On a recent trip to Lake Erie I utilized the OR36 2 Tadpole to target fish near bottom in 45 feet of water. The Tadpole weights out performed all other presentations 3 to 1 due to the heavy current that was in this area of the lake.



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WHY I USE TADPOLE DIVERS

BY: CAPTAIN GARY ZART

The great thing about the Off Shore Tackle OR36 series Tadpole Divers is they are both versatile and effective. I routinely use Tadpoles to get worm harnesses, crankbaits and even spoons down to depth. I especially like the way Tadpoles hold their depth when fishing in strong currents and when trolling in rough water. I feel that because Tadpoles dive, they do a better job of keeping my gear in the face of walleye. Because Tadpoles are less speed dependent they also hold their depth much better and when it’s necessary to troll at faster speeds using crank-

baits and spoons, the Tadpole Diver is the best option. The Tadpole Diver has earned a place on my boat because they work plain and simple. **Editor’s Note: Gary Zart is an Ohio based charter captain and successful tournament angler who specializes in walleye trolling tactics and targeting trophy class fish.**

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TADPOLE DIVE CURVES

BY: MARK ROMANACK

The popular Off Shore Tackle OR36 Series Tadpole Resettable Diving Weight comes in four sizes including a No. 1, 2, 3 and Magnum. Unlike in-line weights, the Tadpole has a diving lip that causes them to dive in much the same fashion that a crankbait dives.

Since the day the Tadpole Diver was introduced, anglers immediately recognized the value of a trolling weight that actually dives. Most in-line weights achieve depth based solely on the size of the weight used and the trolling speed applied. As a result, these weights are very speed sensitive and they also require long lead lengths to achieve significant depths.

Tadpole Divers are more efficient because they dive thanks to the lip molded into their simple, but functional design. Anglers can reach deeper depths with shorter leads, making the Tadpole an obvious choice among serious trollers.

Still, the 98 cent question is how deep do Tadpole Divers dive on popular line types and lead lengths? Thanks to a license agreement from Precision Trolling Data, LLC, sample dive curves for all four sizes of the Tadpole will be available in 2019 for free on the Off Shore Tackle’s website at www.offshoretackle.com, as well as some of the OR20 Pro Guppy Weights.

ADVANCED TATTLE FLAG RIGGING

BY: MARK ROMANACK



of the board. This system is most popular among walleye anglers who are trolling using lightweight to moderate gear.

The second rigging option angles the wire arm from the flag along the back side of the board downwards to a point just above where the stainless screw holds the plastic tab that secures the foam in place. (Newer boards feature a factory hole pre-drilled in this location for installing the eye screw). For anglers using older boards, a 1/16 inch drill bit is required to drill a pilot hole for the screw eye.

The angled method for rigging the Tattle Flag™ lowers the tow point of the board and works to keep the nose of the board down. This in turn allows the OR12 Side Planer to pull even heavier loads such as long lengths of lead core line, weighted stainless steel wire, stranded copper line and larger Off Shore Tackle Tadpole Divers.

The OR12TF Off Shore Tackle Tattle Flag™ upgrade kits rewrote the book on trolling when they were first introduced. A Tattle Flag™ is a spring loaded articulating flag system that mounts to the OR12 Side Planer board. The flag flies high when baits are fishing clean and folds down when a fish is hooked.

Tattle Flags™ are engineered to be simple to use and highly effective at determining light bites, when a non-target fish has been hooked or even if the lure snags on a small piece of weed or floating debris in the water.

A length of stainless wire is attached to the flag stem, passes through an eyelet on the back side of the board and is attached to an OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip (red) via a split ring. A stainless steel spring connects to the front of the board via several holes factory drilled and also to one of the holes on the stem on the flag which was engineered to allow the spring tension on the flag to be infinitely adjusted.

This simple set up means the Tattle Flag™ tension can be customized to work flawlessly for just about any trolling situation. A light spring tension is often needed when trolling slowly for walleye, but more spring tension is required when pulling deep diving crankbaits or trolling at faster speeds. The Tattle Flag™ can even be adjusted so that the flag works flawlessly with heavy duty trolling gear such as lead core line, Off Shore OR36 series Tadpole Divers and the larger sizes of Pro Snap Weights.

AFTER MARKET INSTALLATION

The Tattle Flag™ upgrade system is sold as an aftermarket item and must be installed by the angler. It only takes a couple of minutes and basic hand tools to install the Tattle Flag™ upgrade system.

Anglers can choose from a couple different Tattle Flag™ rigging options. The

OR12TF Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kit that comes with the necessary hardware, the stainless steel wire arm, a pair of OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clips and a replacement flag. The OR12TFEK Economy Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kit comes with the necessary hardware, wire arm and requires the angler to use the releases and flag that come standard on the OR12 Side Planer Board.

All of the parts associated with the Tattle Flag™ upgrade system can also be purchased separately. Many dealers carry these replacement parts or if you have trouble finding them, simply order the necessary parts on-line by visiting www.offshoretackle.com.

TWO COMMON RIGGING OPTIONS

Tattle Flag™ upgrade systems are commonly rigged in two different ways. The traditional method runs the wire arm right along the top edge of the back side

Using the angled method of rigging the Tattle Flag™ is becoming popular among trout and salmon trollers and also muskie anglers who often fish with large and hard pulling bucktails, swimbaits and plugs. Using the Tattle Flag™ upgrade system makes it easy to detect when a small fish such as a jack salmon, immature coho, pink salmon or other small fish has been hooked.

VERSATILITY

One of the nicest things about the OR12 Side Planer and the Tattle Flag™ upgrade system is the board and flag set up can be customized for whatever type of trolling an angler is participating in. No other in-line board is this versatile or capable of handling so many trolling chores. This is just another reason why Off Shore Tackle is the “Leader in Trolling Technology”.

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BRINGING IN THAT OUTSIDE BOARD

BY: CAPTAIN JULS DAVIS

Let's set the stage. It's a beautiful morning, the wind is light, there's a beautiful sunrise happening, and there's a small chop on the water. I have great expectations for a good bite here on Lake Erie. I have also new customers in the boat that have never fished with Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer boards before and they are excited to learn.

I installed Off Shore's Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kits on my OR12's along with replacing the release on the bracket with the OR18 Snapper Release while keeping the OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip on the back of the board. The Snapper has a toggling closure that allows me to use it two different ways. I primarily only use it with the closure pushed down, to put the pin in the front of the line. This rigging method keeps the line from releasing until I take the board off.

At the back of the board, the OR16 has a pin protruding through the center of the pads, so when the line is put behind that pin it will not release from the line until I take it off.

There are many different set ups used by many different people, and what works best for one person might not be the best for another person. The way an Off Shore Tackle OR12 works best for you is the way to use them. That's why Off Shore Tackle has a plethora of release options to choose from.

I have used Off Shore Tackle boards rigged this way for 18 years, and they have yet to let me down. Is it the best way? Maybe not, but using the OR18 Snapper Release works best for me.

The first question from a novice board user is, "How do you bring in the outside board when a fish is on?" Showing new comers to trolling how I handle this common problem puts a smile on my face.

I'm usually running three boards per side and will try to run leads as short as I can. That means, if I have to run the baits deeper, I'll use an OR20 series Guppy Weight on a crankbait, or an OR36 series Tadpole on a crawler harness. By doing this, the outside board is running higher in the water column and has less chance of tangling in the other lines when a fish is coming in.

For the sake of my story, picture the outside Off Shore board going back with the tell-tale sign of a big

Lake Erie walleye on the line. The board wiggles and falls back violently. I say, "Fish on! Let's go...who's up?" The next angler takes the rod from me, and I give these instructions:

"Point the rod tip to the other side of the boat...let that rod bend in half if it needs to, but just keep reeling nice and steady. Not too fast and not too slow."

At this point, I move the middle board rod, and the inside board rod, forward to the next rod holder. This allows those two boards to move forward in the water a couple feet. It's usually enough to allow the outside board to come in behind them.

When the outside board has cleared the inside board, I have the angler straighten the rod up, and keep it at a 45-degree angle. At the same time, I tell the angler, "Now, move back between the driver's and passenger's seats, and keep the rod tip over my outside shoulder" ... (meaning the shoulder on the side of the boat that the fish is coming in on). When the Off Shore board is a few feet from the boat, I grab the line and start bringing the board up to me and undo the OR18 release and OR16 clip from the line in one smooth action, as the angler keeps reeling.

Once the board is off, I have the angler move to the back corner and keep the rod tip pointed out to the side of the boat. This allows the fish to come up off the corner, where I can net it easily, instead of behind the boat where it can get in the motors.

More often than not, this procedure works well, but there are times when a fish just has evil intentions and decides to take a run at the other lines. At times a fish might tangle two lines. However, it doesn't take long to untangle and reset the Off Shore boards in "Marching Soldier" fashion again.



Captain Juls Davis is a Lake Erie charter captain, long time Off Shore Tackle Pro Staff Director for the Ohio territory.

Give this a try next time you're out and see if it works for you too. One tip though, if you don't keep that rod pointed on the opposite side of the boat and bent in half until you clear those other two boards, it will never work. That is the key!

Editor's Note: Julia aka "Juls" Davis is a professional angler and Off Shore Tackle Pro Staffer based out of Port Clinton, Ohio who charts on Lake Erie daily from spring to late fall.

"X" MARKS THE SPOT FOR SNAP WEIGHT RIGGING

BY: CAPTAIN TERRY KUNNEN

"The Off Shore Tackle OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip is the single piece of trolling gear I use almost every single day," says Captain Terry Kunnen of TKO Charters. "The truth is I open these clips so many times a day, I've taken to marking my OR16's to make my job as a charter captain easier. It starts by pinching open all my OR16 clips to determine which side has the protruding plastic pin. I then mark the opposite side with an "X" using a black permanent marker. When it's time to put my Pro Snap Weight Clips on or off the line, I simply put my thumb on the "X" and forefinger on the opposite side. This way when the pinch pad opens I can see the pin clearly and it makes it easier to get the line behind the pin every time."

It's also important not to forget how important the "hands-off" approach is when fighting a fish and removing that OR16 from your line. "Visually seeing what side of the clip is for your thumb and knowing once it's opened you can see the pin, will save several botched handoffs every year," says Captain Terry. "We have all seen the old "open and shake" attempt to remove the clip from the line because that person isn't clear on how to correctly manage the release. Mark your clips, explain to your fishing partners where to place their thumbs, and watch your OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip slip on and off the line effortlessly."

Editor's Note: Captain Terry Kunnen of TKO Charters is a long time Off Shore Tackle Pro Staffer and he often works the consumer sport, boat and fishing shows helping others get the most from their days on the water spent trolling.

MAKE YOUR OWN PRO WEIGHT SYSTEM

BY: MARK ROMANACK

Off Shore Tackle produces the OR 20 Pro Weight System which comes with a selection of OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clips, all the common sizes of Guppy Weights and 4 split rings packaged in a handy storage box. The OR20 kits are intended to be a convenience for anglers who are just getting started using Pro Snap Weights/Guppy Weights.

Just a reminder, all the components of the Pro Weight System can also be purchased separately

allowing anglers to build their own custom kits or replace parts as time and the budget allows.

The OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clips are sold two in a package and they come with a pair of split rings. The 1/2, 3/4 and 1 ounce sizes of the Pro Guppy Weights are sold three in a package. The 1 1/2 and 2 ounce Pro Guppy Weights come two in a package and the 3 ounce Pro Guppy Weights are sold one to a package.

Pro Guppy Weights are molded from environmen-

tally friendly material. Most retailers that carry Off Shore Tackle products carry all the replacement parts needed to make your own Pro Guppy Weight Kit. If for any reason your favorite retailer doesn't carry these parts, they can be purchased on line by visiting www.offshoretackle.com.

Making your own Pro Weight Kit is a great way to customize based on your budget and needs for all your fishing adventures.



Planer Boards

Model # OR38 Awesome Crappie Board



Each OR38 Awesome Crappie Board includes an OR10 release, OR16 clip, black bracket, split ring, lock nut, 6/32 x 1/2" screw, and instructions. One board...Dual Purpose....It's Reversible and runs directly off of your rod line! Ideal for several species of fish. Don't let the size fool you.

Model # OR12L Side Planer Left

Model # OR12R Side Planer Right



Each OR12 Side Planer includes a stationary flag, one OR19 (orange) release, one OR16 (red) clip, instructions and is carefully ballasted to run flawlessly in rough water off of your rod line. Ideal for several species of fish.

Model # OR37L SST Pro Mag Planer Left

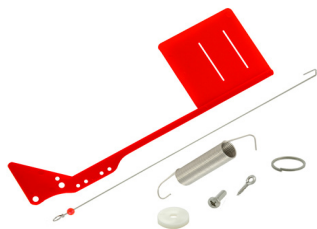
Model # OR37R SST Pro Mag Planer Right



The SST Pro Mag Planer includes a stationary flag, one OR18 (black) release with lock nut, one OR16 (red) clip, instructions and is designed to carry large, heavy baits further to the side than any other in line planer! Perfect for long copper and lead core lines as well as over-sized baits used for Striper, Salmon, Trout, Muskie and Walleye. The SST Pro Mag Planer was designed to be correctly balanced for pulling heavy weights, no modifications or additions are needed! The OR16 (red) clip on the tail of the board ensures that your board will stay on your fishing line.

Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kit

Model # OR12TF Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kit

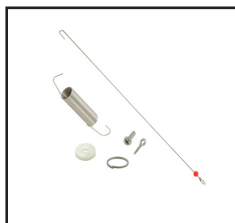


Each kit includes flag, 2 OR16 clips, wire, spring, washer, screw eye, split ring, 6/32 screw and instructions. One kit will upgrade one OR12 Side Planer.

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Model # OR12TFEK Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Economy Kit



This kit will only work by using an OR12 Side Planer and two OR16 (red) clips that you previously purchased as this kit just contains ONLY the hardware which consists of a wire, spring, washer, screw eye, split ring, 6/32 screw and limited instructions.

Planer Board Releases

Model # OR39 Sam's Pro Release—Black



Manufactured by Silver Horde, the OR39 Sam's Pro Release incorporates a jettison design that allows low stretch super lines to be wrapped around a rubber plunger that in turn fits into a pressure fit housing. This release is good for all species that the super lines is ideal for.

Our three full size planer board releases come with a quick clip for use on dual planer boards. Also available without quick clips as shown on order blank. Their large diameter pinch pad design holds monofilament lines securely. Tension can be adjusted further by how deeply the line is placed into the pads.

Model # OR3, OR3BWW, or OR3BWOW Light Tension Planer Board Release —White



This release is ideal for Walleye fishing in choppy water or Brown Trout using 10-25 pound test monofilament line.

Model # OR17BWW or OR17BWOW Medium Tension Planer Board Release —Black

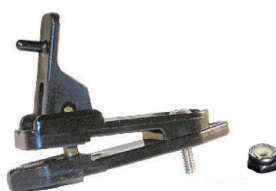


This release is ideal for Salmon, Steelhead, Trout and Muskie using 10-25 pound test monofilament line. It can also be used to pull lead core, Snap Weights and deep diving crankbaits.

Model # OR30BWW or OR30BWOW Heavy Tension Planer Board Release —Red



Model # OR18 Snapper Adjustable Tension In Line Planer Board Release—Black



The OR18 is a full size release designed with an adjustable cam action locking arm that can be set to release at a range of tension settings or tightened down to hold even super braid lines and lead core securely. This release comes standard on our OR37 SST Pro Mag Planer and is made to attach to the bracket of our OR12 Side Planer. With the wide range of tension settings, this release is ideal for Walleye, Striper, Salmon, Steelhead, Trout, and Muskie.

Our three half size adjustable tension planer board releases come with quick clips for use on dual planer boards and split rings for use on in-line planer boards. They are also available without quick clips and split rings as shown on the order blank. Tension can be further adjusted by simply sliding the spring toward the pads to increase tension or away from the pads to decrease tension.

Model # OR10, OR10BWW or OR10BWOW Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Release—Yellow



This release is ideal for light biting fish such as Walleye or smaller fish using 10-25 pound test monofilament line. Our three half size adjustable tension planer board releases come with a quick clip for use on dual planer boards and split ring for use on in line planer boards.

Model # OR14, OR14BWW or OR14BWOW Adjustable Medium Tension Planer Board Release—Black



This release is ideal for dual planer board trolling for Walleye and Salmon using 10-25 pound test monofilament line. This is the release most commonly used for rigging add-a-lines or fixed slider lines among downrigger anglers.

Model # OR19, OR19BWW or OR19BWOW Adjustable Heavy Tension Planer Board Release—Orange



This release comes as standard equipment on the OR12 Side Planer and is ideal for Striper, Salmon, Trout, and Muskie using 10-25 pound test monofilament and lead core.

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Pro Weights



Model # OR20
Pro Weight System



Resettable Diving Weights



Model # OR36 1
Tadpole Size 1

Model # OR36 2
Tadpole Size 2

Model # OR36 3
Tadpole Size 3

Model # OR36 MAGNUM
Tadpole MAGNUM Size

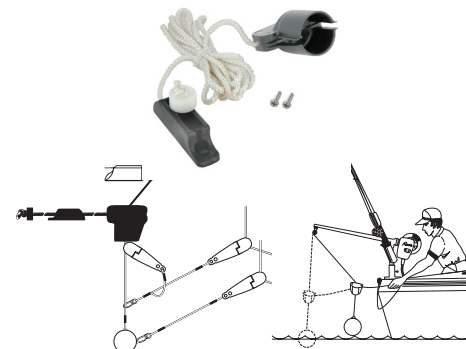
Model # OR2
Medium Tension Stacker
Downrigger Release, Black



This release is ideal for Salmon, Steelhead, Striper and Trout using 10-25 pound test monofilament line and allows you to run two lines off of the same downrigger.

Stacker Stripper/Weight Retriever

Model # OR6
Stacker Stripper/Weight Retriever



Stacking two lures on a downrigger is quicker and easier with the OR6 Stacker Stripper.

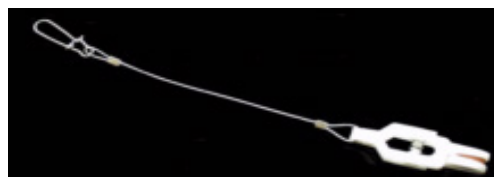
As the weight is raised, the Stripper will automatically strip the stacker release from the cable so you won't have to stop the cannonball. The automatic stripping eliminates the grooves worn into stacker pads from sliding on the cable.

The OR6 doubles as a Weight Retriever to bring the weight into the boat for resetting lines. Using the retriever cord will reduce damaging cannonball sway.

Downrigger Releases

Our downrigger releases are all full size and therefore have the large diameter pinch pad design that holds monofilament lines securely. Tension can be adjusted further by how deeply the line is placed into the pads.

Model # OR4
Light Tension Single
Downrigger Release, White



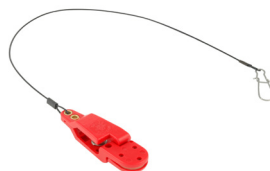
This release is ideal for Walleye, spring Coho, or other small to medium size fish using 10-25 pound test monofilament line.

Model # OR1
Medium Tension Single
Downrigger Release, Black



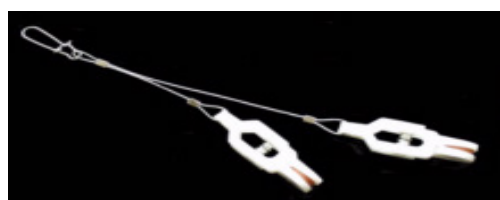
This release is ideal for Salmon, Steelhead, Striper and Trout using 10-25 pound test monofilament line.

Model # OR8
Heavy Tension Single
Downrigger Release, Red



This release is ideal for Muskie, Salmon, trophy Pike, and salt water fish using over 20 pound test monofilament line.

Model # OR7
Light Tension Stacker
Downrigger Release, White



This release is ideal for Walleye, spring Coho, or other small to medium size fish using 10-25 pound test monofilament line and allows you to run two lines off of the same downrigger.

Replacement Pads



Model # ORRP8

Replacement pads for OR1, OR2, OR3, OR4, OR7, OR8, OR17, and OR30 releases.



Model # ORRP8SN

Replacement pads for OR18 releases.



Model # ORRP16

Replacement pads for OR10, OR14, and OR19 releases.



Model # ORRP16HL

Replacement pads for OR16 clips.

EZ Crankbait Tuner

Model # OR40
EZ Crankbait Tuner



These unique tuning pliers feature a long and short jaw design that includes an adjustable spring tension setting making it possible to tune any crankbait from magnum sized Muskie baits right down to panfish sized lures.

Each system includes instructions, four OR16 pro clips, four split rings, two of each of the following guppy weights: 1/2 oz., 3/4 oz., 1 oz., 1 1/2 oz., 2 oz., and 3 oz. all contained in a plastic tackle box. Use as Snap Weights or In Line Weights - you decide. This system is used off of flat lines, dual planer boards and side planer boards.

Model # OR16, OR16BWW or OR16BWOW
Pro Weight Clip—Red



This half size clip has an extra heavy spring tension and includes a split ring. They are also available without split rings as shown on the order blank. You simply position your fishing line behind the pin that protrudes through the center of the pads to hold your snap weight securely on the line.

The OR16 comes as standard equipment on the tail of the OR37 SST Pro Mag Planer, as well as OR12 Side Planer and in our OR20 Pro Weight System. It is ideal for use with snap weight fishing, super braid lines and with our tattle flag™ system.

Replacement Pro Guppy Weights



Model # OR20 1/2
1/2 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 3/4
3/4 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 1
1 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 1 1/2
1 1/2 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 2
2 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 3
3 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

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CRITICAL CLIPS AND TIPS FOR WALLEYE FISHING SUCCESS

BY: GARY PARSONS AND KEITH KAVAJECZ

When targeting walleye everyone at The Next Bite likes to keep things simple. When fishing tournaments and also when filming episodes of The Next Bite TV series we use three different Off Shore Tackle line releases including the OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip (red), the OR18 Snapper Release (black) and the OR19 (orange) Adjustable Heavy Tension Planer Board Release.

The main board set up we use when targeting walleye features the OR12 Side Planer equipped with an OR12TF Tattle Flag™ Upgrade Kit. We rig our boards with an OR18 Snapper Release on the bracket of the board and an OR19 release at the tail of the Tattle Flag™ wire using the supplied split ring.

This set up allows us to fish with either 10 lb. monofilament or super braid line by simply adjusting the tension setting on the OR18 Snapper Release. A small Phillips screw on the bottom of

the OR18 adjusts the tension so when the cam arm is closed the line is held firmly in the release jaws. A lighter tension setting works well for monofilament line and a slightly heavier tension setting is required for using thinner super braids and fused lines.

We prefer the OR18 Snapper Release because it can be opened and the line removed with just one hand. When closing the OR18, rotate the pivoting cam arm away from the board. In this setting the line can't pull free of the release and it's easier to open the OR18 when it's time to remove the board from the line.

Set up in this manner the OR12 Side Planer is easy to put on the line and very quick to remove when fighting fish. Also, we never have to worry about the board coming off when trolling in heavy seas and one set up works well for both monofilament and super line trolling applications.

OR16 PRO SNAP WEIGHT CLIPS

The third Off Shore Tackle clip we use a lot is the OR16 (red) Pro Snap Weight Clip. We use this line clip often in combination with the OR20 Pro Weight System Guppy Weights for trolling both spinner rigs and crankbaits. This clip features a small plastic pin protruding through the rubber pad in one jaw that indexes into a hole in the rubber pad on the other jaw. When the line is placed behind the pin the Pro Snap Weight Clip that has a Guppy Weight attached (aka Snap Weight set up), it can't come off the line.

For spinner fishing we are routinely using the 1/2 to 1 ounce size OR20 series Guppy Weights. The spinner is let out 50 feet and the Snap Weight is placed on the line. At that point we experiment with different amounts of feet back or "dropper" used to achieve different fishing depths.

When trolling with crankbaits larger

two and three ounce Guppy Weights are used to get crankbaits to deeper depths on shorter overall lead lengths. The advantage here is that it's faster to set lines and hooked fish come to the boat much quicker.

The beauty of using Pro Snap Weight Clips in combination with Guppy Weights is the trolling weight can be separated from the lure. Any combination of leader and dropper lengths can be used making the Pro Weight System versatile and effective for a wide variety of trolling situations.

Editor's Note: Gary Parsons and Keith Kavajecz are two of the most successful walleye anglers in history and long time Off Shore Tackle Pro Staffers. This dynamic duo are also the talent behind the popular television series, The Next Bite broadcast nationally on several popular outdoor networks.

RIGGING A FREE SLIDER WITH THE OFF SHORE TACKLE OR10 RELEASE

BY: BUZZ RAMSEY

Trolling is a game that often requires the angler to add weight in order to target productive depths. The Yakima Bait's Free Sliding Spreader is a rudder that is commonly used to rig trolling weights to plugs, spinners and cut-bait. The triangle shaped Free Slider threads onto the main line with the pointed end facing the terminal end, then a swivel is tied in place. On the bottom of the Free Slider a dropper lead and weight is added to a hole reinforced with a brass grommet. At the swivel a 36 inch leader is added followed by the lure or bait of choice.

This set up tangles far less than traditional three-way swivel rigs and allows a wealth of lures and baits to be fished suspended in the water column or on bottom.

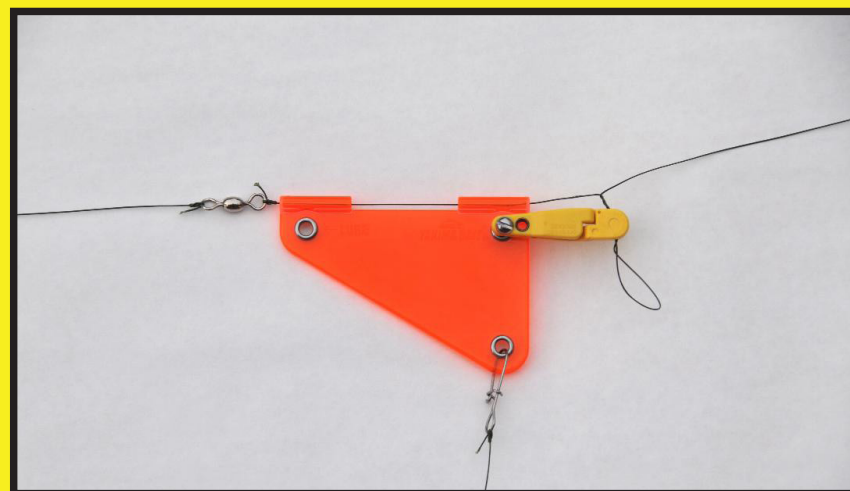
CLEAR WATER RIGGING

In clear water trolling situations, the Free Slider can be easily equipped with an Off Shore Tackle OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Release to increase the lead length between the rudder and the bait. Simply use a small stainless bolt and nut to attach an OR10 release to the brass grommet at the back end of the rudder. Tighten the nut carefully so as not to apply too much pressure to the plastic rudder.

Once the OR10 is added to the rudder, thread it onto the main line with the pointed end facing towards the terminal end. Next, tie on a barrel swivel and about three feet of fluorocarbon line as a leader, terminated to the lure or bait of choice. Add a dropper lead and weight to the bottom brass grommet.

When setting this rig, let the lure or bait out the desired distance behind the boat and grab the main line around your index finger. Spin your finger a few times to create a small loop of line. Take the twists of line created and bury them all the way to the back of the OR10 release.

Known as the "loop trick" increasing the overall diameter of the line allows the release to have a firm grip to insure a positive hook set and to eliminate false releases. When a fish strikes or if it is simply necessary to switch out lures, a sharp snap of the rod tip will pull the loop of line smoothly from the OR10 release, al-



lowing the Free Slider to slide down the line until it hits the barrel swivel.

A leader of 20 to 50 feet works best when targeting trout and salmon in clear water situations. The main line can be super braid, monofilament, co-polymer line or fluorocarbon line.

Rigging an Off Shore Tackle OR10 Release to the Yakima Free Sliding Spreader improves the versatility of this rig. Not only can this rig be fished as a flat line out the back of the boat, it can also be fished in combination with an in-line board like the OR12 Side Planer or the OR38 Awesome Crappie Board to spread out lines and cover more water.

Editor's Note: Buzz Ramsey is a trout and salmon fishing legend, a member of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and a talented lure designer who works for Yakima Bait Company in Granger, Washington.

LOOKING LIKE A PRO

BY: MARK ROMANACK

It's no secret that the Off Shore Tackle staff of professional anglers have dominated the tournament fishing world for decades. All the major walleye, salmon and crappie tournament circuits in the nation have become the proving grounds for Off Shore Tackle products.

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OR38	Awesome Crappie Board With Float; One Board...Dual Purpose...I'm Reversible	Pkg. of 1		\$19.99	
OR12L	Side Planer Left	Pkg. of 1		\$39.25	
OR12R	Side Planer Right	Pkg. of 1		\$39.25	
OR12P2	Pigtail and Split Ring For OR12L and OR12R	Pkg. of 2		\$3.85	
OR12TF	Tattle Flag Upgrade Kit	Pkg. of 1		\$27.10	
OR12TFEK	Tattle Flag ECONOMY KIT (No OR16's or Flag Included)	Pkg. of 1		\$9.99	
ORS2	Tattle Flag Replacement Spring	Pkg. of 2		\$7.75	
OR37L	SST Pro Mag Planer Left	Pkg. of 1		\$56.15	
OR37R	SST Pro Mag Planer Right	Pkg. of 1		\$56.15	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PLANER BOARD					
OR3	Light Tension, White With Quick Clip (Bulk 50 Packs Available Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 2		\$16.00	
OR17BWW	Medium Tension, Black With Quick Clip (Available Without Quick Clip Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 24		\$182.50	
OR30BWW	Heavy Tension, Red With Quick Clip (Available Without Quick Clip Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 6		\$54.85	
OR18	Snapper Adjustable Tension, Black With Lock Nut	Pkg. of 1		\$15.60	
OR10	Adjustable Light Tension, Yellow With Split Ring and Quick Clip (Bulk 100 Packs Available Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 4		\$22.50	
OR14	Adjustable Medium Tension, Black With Split Ring and Quick Clip (Bulk 100 Packs Available Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 4		\$22.50	
OR19	Adjustable Heavy Tension, Orange With Split Ring and Quick Clip (Bulk 100 Packs Available Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 2		\$11.60	
OR39	Sam's Pro Release, Black With Split Ring and Lock Nut	Pkg. of 1		\$13.99	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PRO SNAP WEIGHT PRODUCTS					
OR20	Pro Snap Weight System	Pkg. of 1		\$50.25	
OR16	Extra Heavy Pro Snap Weight Clip, Red With Split Ring (Bulk 100 Packs Available Through Our Website)	Pkg. of 2		\$13.45	
OR20 1/2	1/2 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$4.75	
OR20 3/4	3/4 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$5.25	
OR20 1	1 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$6.25	
OR20 1 1/2	1 1/2 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 2		\$4.75	
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OR20 3	3 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 1		\$3.95	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC resettable diving WEIGHTS					
OR36 1	Tadpole Size 1 – Includes Two Coast Lock Snaps	Pkg. of 1		\$7.30	
OR36 2	Tadpole Size 2 – Includes Two Coast Lock Snaps	Pkg. of 1		\$7.55	
OR36 3	Tadpole Size 3 – Includes Two Coast Lock Snaps	Pkg. of 1		\$12.87	
OR36 MAGNUM	Tadpole MAGNUM Size – Includes Two Coast Lock Snaps	Pkg. of 1		\$12.99	

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OR1	Medium Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$9.95	
OR8	Heavy Tension, Red	Pkg. of 1		\$14.00	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC STACKER DOWNRIGGER RELEASES					
OR7	Light Tension, White	Pkg. of 1		\$16.20	
OR2	Medium Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$16.20	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC STACKER STRIPPER/WEIGHT RETRIEVER COMBINATION					
OR6	Strips The Stacker Release Off OfThe Downrigger Cable AsThe Weight Is Raised. Also Doubles As A Weight Retriever By Pull Cord. Line Loc Included.	Pkg. of 1		\$13.83	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC REPLACEMENT PADS					
ORRP8	Pads For OR1's, OR2's, OR3's, OR4's, OR7's, OR8's, OR17's, and OR30's	Pkg. of 8		\$3.60	
ORRP8SN	Pads For OR18's	Pkg. of 8		\$8.50	
ORRP16	Pads For OR10's, OR14's, and OR19's	Pkg. of 16		\$4.60	
ORRP16HL	Pads For OR16's	Pkg. of 16		\$6.20	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC OTHER ACCESSORIES					
OR40	EZ Tuning Tool, Black With Lanyard	Pkg. of 1		\$22.99	

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Base Options



Dual Planer Board Masts

Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels With Collapsible Aluminum Mast, Base, Deck Plate and Four Hold Down Knobs (Shown right)

Unit Includes:

- Aluminum Pulley Brackets
- 7' Collapsible Aluminum Black Powder Coated Mast
- Nylon Mounting Bracket
- Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels
- 150' Fluorescent Orange 200# Planer Line On Each Reel Multidirectional Pulleys
- Stainless Steel Guid Bushings
- Two OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Releases

This Unit Is Available in Different Base Options

Model # DPMKA
Has The Regular Base

Model # DPMKSA
Has the Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

Model # DPMKSLA
Has The Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

Model # DPMKSUA
Has The Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

Model # DPMKSZA
Has The Attwood Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

Aluminum Manual Retrieval Posi-Stop Reels, Collapsible Mast, Base, Deck Plate and Four Hold Down Knobs (Shown right)

Unit Includes:

- Aluminum Pulley brackets
- 7' Collapsible Aluminum Black Powder Coated Mast
- Nylon Mounting Bracket
- Aluminum Manual Posi-Stop Retrieval Reels
- 150' Fluorescent Orange 200# Planer Line On Each Reel
- Multidirectional Pulleys
- Stainless Steel Guide Bushings
- Two OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Releases

This Unit Is Available in Different Base Options

Model # DPMPA
Has The Regular Base

Model # DPMPSA
Has The Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

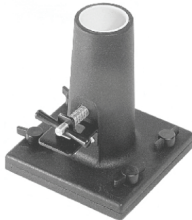
Model # DPMPSLA
Has The Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

Model # DPMPSUA
Has The Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

Model # DPMPsza
Has The Attwood Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount



Regular Base



Springfield Taper-Lock Seat



Attwood Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

Swiveling Rod Tower

This unit incorporates our swiveling base that allows the tower to swivel and lock up every 90 degrees with easy removal of the tower by simply pulling out a spring loaded pin and lifting. Unit is made of black powder coated aluminum for durability with all rod holders being adjustable in 15 degree increments. Tower can be used on both port and starboard sides!

Model # SRT3
Has 3 Adjustable Rod Holders

Model # SRT4
Has 4 Adjustable Rod Holders

Model # SRT5 (Shown)
Has 5 Adjustable Rod Holders

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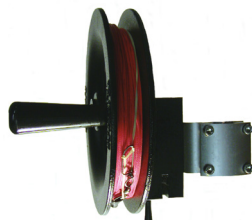
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PLANER BOARD CRAPPIE

BY: GREG MCCAIN

Crappie anglers are a resourceful collection of individuals. They take time-honored traditions and make them better. They develop new techniques and make them their own. They've even been known to borrow tactics from other types of fishing. Their imaginations know few limits. Such is the case with the continued rise in popularity of planer boards. Borrowing a trolling technique once reserved for the walleye world and one that originally evolved in saltwater, crappie anglers far and wide have come to appreciate the fish-catching effectiveness of fishing under planer boards. Count pro, Dan Dannenmueller, among the believers. When he sought to improve his long-lining techniques, he never totally resolved all the issues because of the variables involved. He turned to Off Shore Tackle planer boards as an alternative and used all the variables to his advantage.

EFFECTIVENESS & PROCESS

One event in particular illustrates just how effective planer boards can be. "Specifically, it was the Crappie Masters Grenada championship in the fall of 2016, and we were still in summer time patterns," Dannenmueller said. "Summer time fishing is a great time to use the planer boards. I was pulling crankbaits and Road Runners with Bobby Garland plastics.

"The fish set up perfectly for pulling planer boards. They were on ledges 12-14 feet deep, and they were just off of a 12 foot drop, hanging out there suspended off that edge. The bait was also out there.

"When I zeroed in on that depth, I put planer boards where I could pull them wide so that the trolling motor wouldn't spook them. The planer boards allowed me to go 150 feet out from the boat on each side, 300 feet total. They also allowed me to get to the exact right depth to most efficiently catch all those big fish on Grenada."

To the uninitiated, the use of planer boards to pull lures looks like a complicated maze. Dannenmueller acknowledges the complexity of the technique and the hesitancy of inexperienced anglers to use planer boards. However, mastering a few basic concepts allows just about anyone to effectively apply the technique.

"There is an intimidation factor, without a doubt, any time you have steps to something. People want it easy, just the way we started with cane poles and a cork." A situation with an eager to learn young angler, however, reveals how quickly planer boards can become a go-to approach to crappie fishing. "It may seem like this is a very complex process, but we taught a 13 year old how to do it in one hour," Dannenmueller said, "and he won the Crappie Masters kid's championship two years ago. It's just a matter of being dedicated to learning how to rig and to learning something new."

RIGGING, TOOLS & TIPS

Rigging is the initial obstacle to overcome. A standard approach carries the main line from the reel through two snaps on the planer boards, which are designed to run on either the left or right side of the boat. Dannenmueller emphasized the need to make



a secure connection behind the "tooth" on the front snap so that the board runs straight.

From the board, the line continues at a varying length, to an Off Shore Tackle OR36 series Tadpole, a gliding weight that provides stability and allows lures to run true. The length of the line from the board to the tadpole determines the depth of the lure.

"You can run them five feet deep or you could run them 40 if wanted to," Dannenmueller said. From the OR36 1 size Tadpole, which weighs about one ounce, Dannenmueller normally uses two leaders, one for a crankbait and one for a regular jig, usually a Road Runner head paired with Bobby Garland plastics. "That's my normal setup although I do occasionally rig without a tadpole and use a three-way swivel with the leaders extending off of it."

The Road Runner is tied to the top leader, which is about two feet long, and generally runs about two feet above the other bait, which is attached to a three to four foot leader. That rigging targets crappie in both the top and bottom of a school. "You can do this simple or complex," Dannenmueller said. "Simple is one bait. Complex is the double rig on a three-way."

To further facilitate the process, Dannenmueller uses a smartphone app from Precision Trolling Data to determine precise placement of the lure in the water column. Plugging in variables like line size and brand, trolling speed, and lure type provides an exact depth at which lures will be running.

"In the old days, everything was trial and error and you still didn't know if you were exactly where you thought you were depth wise," Dannenmueller said. "Using the app takes all the guesswork out of the equation and provides you precise information."

The Off Shore Tackle planer boards come in three sizes, and Dannenmueller employs a combination of "minis," OR38 models designed for crappie fishing, and the larger, original OR12's. He runs an OR12 on the outside on each side of the boat for ease in visibility and then fills out the spread with three OR38's inside. The OR12's can be fitted with a Tattle Flag™ upgrade that allows the flag to pull back when a fish hits while the smaller boards sink or bob in a manner similar to a cork when a fish loads up.

"With planer boards, you could run one 400 feet away from the boat if you could see it," Dannenmueller said. "Normally you run it 150 feet and can see the boards effectively." The boards are staggered at

intervals starting at about 50 feet from the boat. The wide spread negates any spooking factor created by the trolling motor.

"That's one of the advantages of planer boards," Dannenmueller said. "The fish are likely to spook to a degree with traditional long-lining. They are largely unaffected by the boat and trolling motor when using planer boards."

The jig/crankbait duel rig proves effective for Dannenmueller although he will occasionally use a double-jig rig. The Tadpole and line length are the primary factors that control lure placement, so Dannenmueller can use jig sizes that best fit the fishing conditions. He normally

starts with a 1/16-oz. Road Runner head with a two to three inch Bobby Garland Stroll'R but might bump all the way to a one ounce head on big fish lakes like Grenada.

Dannenmueller normally uses standard sized, 300 model crankbaits but does vary sizes at times. He emphasized the need to make sure the crankbaits run true. Off Shore offers a tool, the OR40 EZ Crankbait Tuner, that helps the lures run to perfection. Planer boards can be used effectively at just about any time of the year, but the post spawn from late spring through the fall, proves ideal. August is a perfect month to try the technique.

CATCHING FISH

"Post spawn, in late spring and summer time, is absolutely prime for planer board fishing," Dannenmueller said. "Those fish will suspend out off of points and in deep water and this technique is perfect to target those fish. Sometimes in pre spawn, when they are concentrated over deep water, is another time to use them." August fishing is strictly summertime patterns with deep flats and ledges being good places to start.

Generally, the problems of pulling the boards are minimized after just a few attempts. Dannenmueller emphasized the need to maintain exact speed, to make sure the screws are tight on the boards, and to keep the boards free from debris like grass. Otherwise, the boards run to perfection.

Regardless of the time and place, planer boards are effective tools in the crappie fishing arsenal. Despite their apparent complexity, boards can be employed quickly and easily. "Planer boards will be my go-to presentation for pulling baits from now on," Dannenmueller said. "Off Shore Tackle makes great products that work well without much adjusting at all.

"For those anglers out there who might be hesitant to try them, don't be put off by any preconceived ideas. They work and help you catch crappie more efficiently." For those crappie anglers who constantly develop, evolve, tweak, and borrow, more efficient and productive fishing is always the point, a means to bigger and better catches of crappie. Planer boards provide that advantage.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, BRUCE DESHANO

Off Shore Tackle LLC continues to have a huge presence in every aspect of fishing across the country. Salmon and walleye anglers have always been our target market, but these days Off Shore Tackle is also making a significant impact in the striper, crappie and even catfish markets. The introduction of the OR37 SST Pro Mag Planer board, has helped Off Shore Tackle gain ground in the salmon market and pioneer new business in both the muskie and catfish trolling markets.

Nick and I went to the River Monsters Catfish Tournament in Memphis, TN. Wow did those anglers catch some Monsters. Big fish was a whopping 81+ pounds and it took over 145 pounds for 5 fish to win the event. Just as exciting, there were over 150 boats entered into this event held at the Bass Pro Shops Pyramid.

Nick and I did not fish any tournaments in 2018, but we did have some fun days in Saginaw Bay and on Lake Huron. Saginaw Bay has record numbers of fish and liberal limits. Really a fun place to test new equipment. We put the OR40 EZ Crankbait Tuner to the test by bringing out some of my old Reef Runners and tuning them into fish catching machines.

Family came in from Montana and our grandson, Gus was impressed with the Great Lakes. He caught his first steelhead, Atlantic, white bass AND a big Northern. Believe it or not, we did not catch a walleye!

As always, our staff of tournament pros have kept the Off Shore Tackle LLC brand on the front lines. I'd like to extend a special thank you to all our anglers (pro or otherwise) for loyally supporting Off Shore Tackle LLC. We always welcome new ideas and techniques; the 2019 Off Shore Tackle Release is proof of that ambition.

TROLLING ETIQUETTE 101

BY: NICK DESHANO AND EVERYONE AT OFF SHORE TACKLE

Fishing is supposed to be fun and for the most part it is. Sometimes the fun stops when other anglers or boaters ignore the unwritten laws of fishing and boating etiquette. On the water there is a lot of space out there, but it's amazing how often we find ourselves crowding into the same small pieces of aquatic real estate. For the sake of everyone who enjoys being on the water, here are a few written down versions of etiquette or common sense we can all live by.

SPACE

The quickest way to get a fellow angler upset is to wander inside his personal fishing space. We all know that the waters we fish are public domain and no one has special privileges therein, but that stated it never hurts to give the other guy a little space.

Watching the other guy catch fish when maybe you're not catching many can be frustrating. Frustrating or not, the right thing to do is to tip your cap to the other guy and give him or her the space they deserve.

HOW MUCH SPACE

Lots of times as trollers we are faced with sharing the same fish and water with a host of other anglers. If everyone plays fair, there is no reason for conflict. When trolling and especially when trolling with planer boards, common sense has to be applied as to how far apart respective boats need to be.

Use your outside board as a guide and not your boat itself. It's easy to focus on boat distance and not leave enough room for opposing planer boards to pass each other.

If you're close enough to the other guy you can easily read the registration numbers on his hull,

chances are you're too close and need to make more room. Some trolling gear like lead core and stranded copper lines require fishing long leads behind the boat. In this case, it's very important to keep as much space between other boats as possible. Don't simply assume the other guy knows what you're trolling and that he will volunteer to give you extra space.

SOMETIMES THINGS JUST HAPPEN

Have you ever been busy fighting a fish only to look up and realize you're about to run over another angler's fishing lines? Sure, it happens to all of us. What you do next is what matters.

If you find yourself accidentally crowding another angler, do your best to change directions in a way that will take you out of his space as quickly as possible. Shouting out a sincere "Sorry About That" and moving on with life is all it should take to keep the feathers from getting ruffled.

If you have a VHF radio on board and know the local channel anglers monitor, a quick shout out will go a long way towards keeping the peace.

HOLY WATER

To a troller, the holy water is the water directly in front of his or her boat. The last thing a troller wants to see is someone cutting across his bow either disturbing the fish or targeting those fish before he or she can get to them. If you are on plane, give the guy fishing plenty of space if it's necessary to cut across his bow. If possible pass behind a boat that is fishing giving the boat plenty of space to avoid any lines that might be deployed.

If you're fishing, don't cut across another boat's bow or be prepared to take a tongue lashing for this indiscretion. Cutting across the bow of a fellow

angler is like cutting in line at the movie theater or cafeteria. You might get away with it once in awhile, but sooner or later someone is going to call you out.

UP HILL DOWN HILL

Not always, but for the most part trollers tend to troll with the wind or directly into the wind. When following established structure breaks trollers often troll one direction, then turn around and troll back along the same route. Known on the water as simply trolling uphill or downhill, this strategy is easy to understand and allows other boats in the area to follow suit.

If you see boats primarily trolling uphill and downhill along a particular piece of water, join the party and most importantly stay in line. When anglers are trolling uphill or downhill the worst thing another angler can do is decide to suddenly troll across the grain.

NO WAKE ZONES

Another area of concern is when fishing in or near no wake zones. No wake zones are normally well marked, but just because a spot isn't marked as a no wake doesn't mean you can run full speed in the area. Again, common sense must be used to rationalize what's best in every situation.

It should be understood that a no wake speed should be used anytime you are within 300 feet of moored boats, docks or shoreline structures. When it comes to sharing public waters with other boaters, the best approach is to always be the nice guy. Remember that fishing is supposed to be fun and don't let others take the fun out of your time on the water.

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Fishing 411 TV focuses on a host of freshwater fishing topics. The majority of the shows are shot on location in the Great Lakes and Midwestern states. "Education is our primary goal," says co-host and outdoor writer Mark Romanack. "Each episode gets down and dirty about popular fishing presentations, critical gear and

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BY: CAPTAIN TERRY KUNNEN

Placing a strip of tape on both sides of the flag makes it easy for me to monitor my boards to determine strikes and also for other anglers around me to recognize that I'm trolling with boards. Rigging my boards this way for night trolling works great, doesn't require batteries, lasts forever and doesn't cost much. Now that's a combination any angler can appreciate!

BY: JACOB BRANDT

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