

SOUTH ISLAND GUIDE TO JIGGING, HARLING & TROLLING FOR TROUT



TROUT TROLLING (DEEPWATER TROLLING WITH FLIES)

ROD - A trolling rod is around 1.7m in length with a slow and soft action, not too long to become clumsy in your boat but long enough to angle away from the boat to prevent tangles when trolling. The action of the rod is important to see when the lure is "working". Your rod should "nod" gently when trolling speed is just right. **Recommended:** *Kilwell Xtreme 2 Trolling Rod*

REEL - Any boat reel that will hold at least 10 colours of leadcore line and 50m of 30lb backing. By far the easiest to use is the KILWELLXP5000 reel which sits on top of the rod and has a high-speed retrieving rate, a one-way drag and a line laying system to prevent tangles.

Recommended: *Kilwell XP5000*

LINE - Generally the line will be attached by your friendly tackle store. A standard trolling reel will have 10 "colours" of "Leadline" a multi-coloured braided line with a lead wire core, which will be spliced to Dacron backing line. The lead in the line takes your line down deep and the coloured line is in 10m increments. Another line option popular with the fishing guides is DEEPWATER EXPRESS, a tungsten filled fly line with a braided monofilament core. PTO for diagram on leader length.

Recommended: *Woodstock Leadline 100M*

LURES - There are four important points for picking lures: COLOUR: The most popular lure colours include any combinations of green, gold, black, white, bright orange, pink, lime fluorescent. As a rule on a bright day use a bright lure, on a dark day use a dark lure. ACTION: To prevent line twists and line failure, you will need a very slow spinning, darting or wobbling action lure. SIZE: Generally, use a lure 70 to 80mm in length, but if the fish are feeding on smaller prey a shorter lure will work well. WEIGHT: The physical weight of the lure relates to the depth it will fish at. In the warmer summer months, the fish are deep so using a heavier lure up to 20gm is advised.

Recommended: *Tassie Devil, Kilwell Toby, Zed Spinner or Flamingo Lures*

BOAT SPEED - The slower you can troll the deeper your line will sink. Generally, 1.6 to 1.8 knots (2.6km/hr.) is considered a good speed. Hold your lure at the side of the boat to check the action, before releasing it further back.

TROUT HARLING (SHALLOW WATER TROLLING WITH FLIES)

ROD - Like a trolling rod but you can go lighter in action and your line is shorter. The best length for a harling rod is around 1.8m with a slow and soft action. 1.83m is a good length, not too long to become clumsy in your boat but still long enough to angle away from the boat to prevent tangles when harling.

Recommended: *Kilwell Xtreme 2 Trout Harler*

REEL - Any boat reel that will hold up to at least 5 colours of lead core line and 120m of 30lb backing. By far the easiest to use is the KILWELL XP3000 reel which sits on top of the rod and has a high-speed retrieving rate, a one way drag and a line laying system to prevent tangles.

Recommended: *Kilwell XP3000*

LINE - Generally the line will be attached by your friendly tackle store. A standard harling reel will have 2 to 5 "colours" of "Leadline", a multi coloured braided line with a lead wire core, which will be spliced to Dacron backing line. The lead in the line takes your line down and fishes the top 5 meters of water. The trace is often joined to the Leadline with a small #12 swivel and will be 10m to 15m in length.

Recommended: *Woodstock 27lb Leadline, Scientific Anglers S6 Level Trolling Line*

LURES - Large harling trout flies are the best option in hook size 2 or 4.

Recommended: *Parsons Glory or Green Orbit Flies Rabbit Patterns, Grey Ghost - Woolly Buggers*

BOAT SPEED - The slower you can troll the deeper your line will sink, but generally 1.0 to 1.5 knots or 2.0km/hr. (walking speed) is considered a good speed. Vary your speed, try stopping your boat.

TIP: A FISH FINDER (Sounder) IS A MUST.

This will show depth - smelt - trout depth, speed & temperature.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FISH FINDER - IT'S A BIG ADVANTAGE TO A SERIOUS ANGLER.

TROUT JIGGING

ROD - For jigging the best length for a rod is from 1.7m to 2.4m with a light but fast action. With jigging the boat is generally drifting around or stationary so a longer rod makes it easier to play the fish as it will circle your boat. The rod should be physically light to hold as you will be holding it all day, it needs to be stiff near the butt but flexible near the tip so you can work your flies.

Recommended: *Kilwell Xtreme II Trout Jig & Tica Kazumi Pro*

REEL - With jigging you are constantly altering the amount of line in & out, as your boat drifts over the contours of the lakebed, so a small overhead baitcasting reel is by far the easiest option to use. Again, you will be holding the reel all day so the smaller the better. Other important features are a thumb line release button and auto gear engagement.

Recommended: *Kilwell WEA200, Tica TC300 & Tica GCB300H*

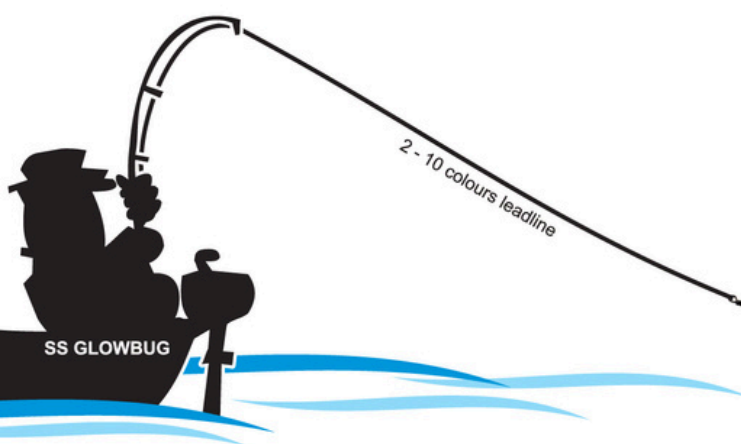
LINE - 4 to 6kg (8 to 12lb) braid is the best option, as there is no stretch you can feel exactly what is happening at the bottom of the lake, so a strike should be an instant hook up. The better quality lines will be thinner, and an option is to get a braid with 5m coloured markings with 1m marks, so you can accurately fish the correct depth.

Recommended: *Sunline Braid - One of the secrets to improving your catch rate - mark the braid at 20m, 25m, 30m if your braid is a solid colour.*

RIG AND FLIES - The jigging rig on the end of the line consists of a 2 to 3m 5kg fluorocarbon backbone with three 4kg fluorocarbon traces branching off at even intervals with a fly attached to each. At the very bottom attach a 1 to 2oz sinker, use the lightest weight that gets your flies down and holds them down if drifting. Like fly fishing you will need to "match the hatch", so the flies you choose will be like what the trout are currently feeding on, ask your tackle store owner.

Recommended: *Kilwell Freshwater Jig Rigs - Ginger Mick, Jack Sprat or Grey Ghost, Woolly Bugger - Red Setter*

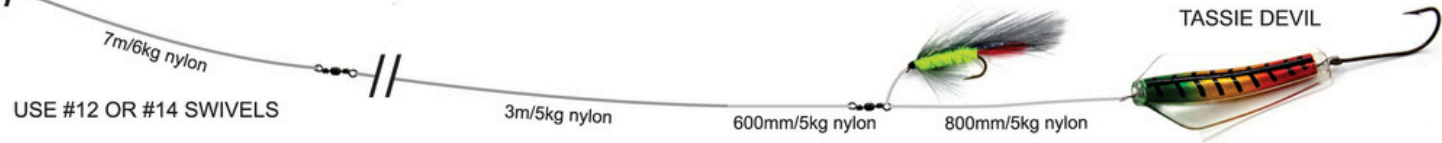
BOAT SPEED - The best jigging is done while drifting slowly past an underwater reef or area that holds fish. It is important to have a fish finder to pinpoint the fish, you can aim your drift, so your flies go straight through holding fish. If there is a breeze, you may also need to deploy a drogue to slow the boat or anchor just upwind, of the area then release the anchor wrap until in position over the smelt and trout.



RECOMMENDED LURES FOR TROLLING AND HARLING



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LAKE BENMORE LAKE AVIEMORE			DUAL DEPTH TASSIE 					LITTLE DEVIL 								
	SILVER/BLUE (SB) 7g 	ZEBRA (Z) 10g 	CHARGER (C) 12g 	GREEN/GOLD (GG) 7g 	SILVER/BLUE (SB) 12g 	ZEBRA (Z) 12g 	GREEN FLASH (G) 12g 	SILVER FLASH (S) 12g 	COPPER ZEBRA (KZ) 12g 	TRAFFIC LIGHT (TL) 10g 	PINK FLASH (P) 10g 	GREEN GOLD (GG) 12g 	ZEBRA (Z) 12g 	SILVER/BLUE (SB) 12g 	CHARGER (CH) 12g 	FINGERLING (F) 12g
LAKE WANAKA LAKE HAWEA																
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LAKE TE ANAU LAKE MANAPOURI									BIG DEVIL 							
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THE CORRECT TROLLING SPEED FOR LURES IS OBSERVED BY A SLOW PULSING ACTION OF THE ROD TIP (2-3 km/h is good)