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**OR20 Pro Weight System**

New Name, New Look, Added Function and Environmentally **GREEN!**

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# OFF SHORE HAS GONE GREEN!

BY MARK ROMANACK

Off Shore Tackle Company LLC, the Leader in Trolling Technology, has gone "GREEN" as of 2010! With a host of new products designed from environmentally friendly materials, anglers can take stock in the fact Off Shore Tackle cares about our natural resources and is taking the necessary steps to protect our fishing heritage.

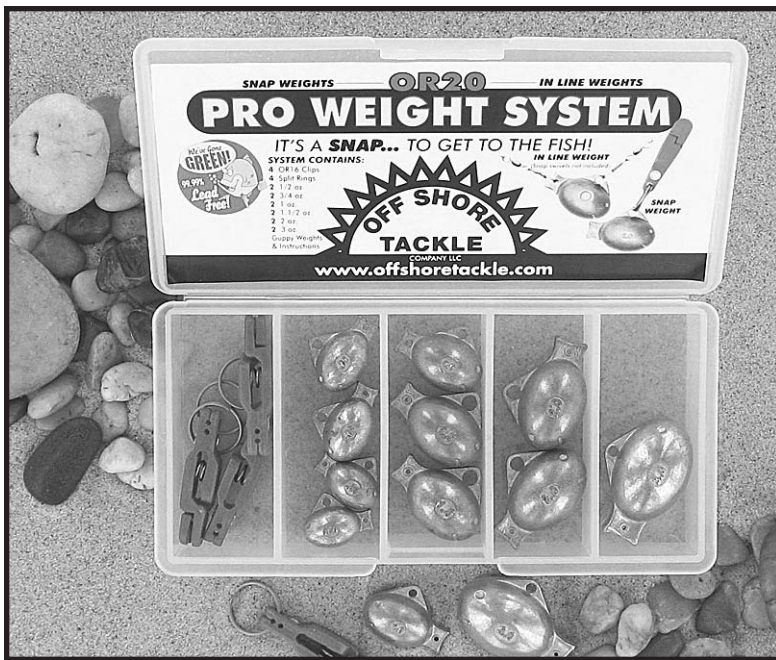
New for 2010 check out the redesigned OR20 Pro Weight System that can be used as in line weights or as Snap Weights. The OR20 will replace the traditional style Snap Weights with new Guppy Weights that are not only environmentally friendly, but designed to provide anglers more versatility and function on the water. Available in 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 ounce sizes, the new Guppy can be rigged with the OR16 Snap Weight Clip and placed anywhere on the line the angler desires.



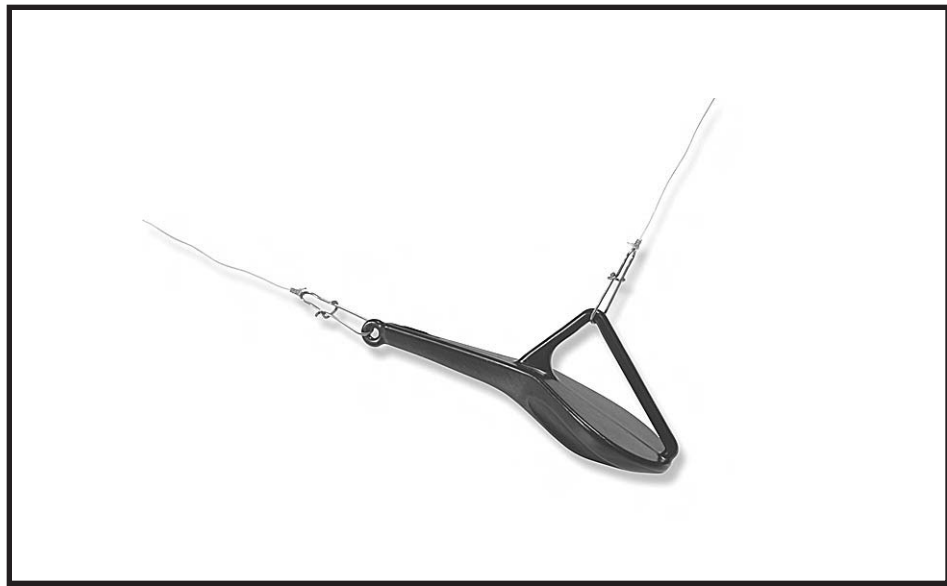
The 50/50 Snap Weight trolling system that has become so popular over the years lives on with this new Guppy Weight design. Even better, the new Guppy Weights run at the same depths as the traditional style Snap Weights.

What makes the new Guppy versatile is this style weight can also be easily rigged as an in line trolling weight. For walleye and other moderate sized fish, we recommend adding a six foot leader of 15# test fluorocarbon leader material behind the in line Guppy. Walleye anglers will note that the Guppy is ideal for fishing crawler harnesses, single hook worm rigs or slow death rigs.

Trout and salmon anglers can use the Guppy to target early season steelhead or brown trout that hang out near the surface. For trout fishing, we recommend using a six foot length of 15#-20# test fluorocarbon leader material. At the terminal end, anglers can use crank baits, spoons, spin-n-gloves and a wealth of other trout friendly trolling tackle in combination with the new style Guppy.



The OR20 Pro Weight System has a New Name, New Look and an Added Function for 2010. (Formerly known as the OR20 Snap Weight System)



The new OR36 Resettable Diving Weight, known as the Tadpole, currently comes in two different sizes; Size 1 (OR36 1) and Size 2 (OR36 2).

Using the Guppy as an in line weight is certain to add another dimension to any angler's trolling tactics. Available in kit form or as individual weights, the Guppy is helping Off Shore Tackle go green and also to take a giant leap forward in trolling versatility.

The OR20 Pro Weight System isn't the only new "GREEN" product in the Off Shore Tackle 2010 line up. The OR36 Resettable Diving Weight (AKA Tadpole) is without question the most unique diving/trolling weight available. The Tadpole gets its name from its unique shape. The round head and tapering tail of this new trolling aid closely resembles a tadpole. What makes the Tadpole unique however is the resettable diving mechanism.

The tow arm of the Tadpole features a snap that slides into an elbow, causing the weight to dive like a crank bait. At the back of the Tadpole a second snap accepts a leader that allows this device to be fished with crawler harnesses, spoons, crank baits and a host of other terminal tackle.

When a fish is hooked, the tow arm snap slides to a forward position that converts the Tadpole from a diving device into an in line weight. The angler benefits by not having to fight the resistance of the Tadpole when fighting fish! This super simple and amazingly slick trolling weight is easy to use and absolutely dynamite on all fish species. Ideally suited for fishing in combination with both in line and dual board planers, the Tadpole isn't just another trolling sinker.

Because the Tadpole dives, it also holds its depth better than keel sinkers or other in line weight systems even at speeds up to 2.5 MPH! Check out the Precision Trolling Tadpole chart and you'll be amazed how well this new product performs at all common trolling speeds. Because the Tadpole maintains its depth at faster trolling speeds, it can be used effectively with spoons, willow leaf blades and crank baits that require more speed to bring out their fish catching action.

The Tadpole is available in a No. 1 and No. 2 size designed to reach depths up to 30 feet at 1.5 MPH and an impressive 25 feet at 2.5 MPH!

From walleye to king salmon, there is simply no limit to the fish an angler can target using the new Tadpole. As always, it will be the innovative anglers who pioneer new and more productive ways to use the Tadpole.

The new Guppy and Tadpole are two all new and all "GREEN" ways to catch more fish. The green revolution doesn't stop with these new products. Off Shore Tackle has also replaced the lead ballast weights in the OR12 Side Planer with environmentally friendly weights. Nothing has changed about the way these amazing in line boards run. Ideal for fishing crank baits, spoons, spinners, mini-divers, keel weights, Guppies, Tadpoles, lead core and even copper line, the OR12 Side Planer is the in line The "GONE GREEN" concept is just another reason Off Shore Tackle is your Leader



The new design of the pro weights allows the angler to run the guppy weights as a snap weight (as shown above) or an in line weight (as shown below).



# TADPOLES RULE

BY MARK ROMANACK

The new OR36 1 and OR36 2 Off Shore Tackle Resettable Diving Weights (Tadpoles for short) is about to change the way anglers troll with weight systems. Snap Weights, keel sinkers, bean chain, rubber core and other trolling weights all have one thing in common. The depth these devices achieve while trolling is primarily determined by the size or weight of the sinker. Anglers typically manipulate running depth by changing weight sizes.

The introduction of the Tadpole will force anglers to rethink that logic. The Tadpole is not only a weighted device, it also dives like a crank bait making it a substantial improvement over traditional trolling weights. For the first time anglers who use Tadpoles will be able to achieve greater depths at a wider range of speeds and with shorter lead lengths. All this adds up to a slam dunk for anglers who like to keep things simple, but effective!

It's the shape and design of the Tadpole that allow it to not only sink, but also dive. The tow arm is designed so the round snap will lodge in the elbow and cause the Tadpole to dive. When the angler sets the Tadpole, he only needs to insure the snap is in the elbow position and the Tadpole is diving.



The common nightcrawler harness catches countless walleye every season and now with the help of the Tadpole, anglers will have another diving tool for targeting walleye and other species.

When a fish is hooked, resistance from the struggling fish forces the snap to slide to the forward position on the tow arm. Now the Tadpole is no longer a diving device, but an in line weight. Even better the angler no longer has to fight the resistance of the diving Tadpole, just the fish!

The resettable design allows the Tadpole to be reset even after deployed. Say you hook a fish and start fighting it. Suddenly the fish comes off. No problem, by simply feeding slack into the line the Tadpole will reset itself.

The Tadpole has other advantages. Because it's a sinking/diving device it runs deeper than similar sized in line weights. For example, a one ounce keel sinker will run approxi-

mately 16 feet when fished on 10# test, set 100 feet back and trolled at 1.5 MPH. The OR36 1, Size 1 Tadpole fished 100 feet back at 1.5 MPH is running a whopping 25 feet! There is simply no comparison. The Tadpole is the overwhelmingly better choice for most trolling applications.

The Tadpole runs deeper than in line weights, but it gets better. The diving nature of the Tadpole helps this device achieve more depth, but it also allows anglers to troll at a wider range of speeds. The typical keel sinker performs well at slow speeds. If the trolling speed is bumped up to 2 MPH or faster, a keel sinker rises in the water column and sacrifices most of its running depth. Friction is increased when trolling speed is increased and the net result is less depth.

Amazingly, friction plays less of a role in how the Tadpole functions. At increased trolling speeds the diving surface of the Tadpole is forcing it to run deeper. Meanwhile increased friction on the fishing line is negating some of this diving force. The net depth loss at speeds up to 2.5 MPH is only about 10% of the depth achieved at 1.5 MPH. Now that's something to smile about!

Not only does the Tadpole run deeper on shorter lead lengths, it can be trolled much faster. The ability to troll faster means that the Tadpole is going to become invaluable for trolling a whole new dimension of fishing lures that require faster speeds to bring out their actions. Case in point: the Tadpole

can be fished with small to medium sized spoons making it an ideal choice for targeting open water walleye, steelhead, trout, striper and even salmon!

### RIGGING OPTIONS

The Tadpole is rigged like a keel sinker. Attach your fishing line to the snap on the tow arm. Next add a 4-6 foot leader to the snap on the tail of the Tadpole. For walleye and other small to medium sized fish I recommend using a 15# test fluorocarbon leader. For larger trout, salmon and striper a 20# test fluorocarbon leader is advised.

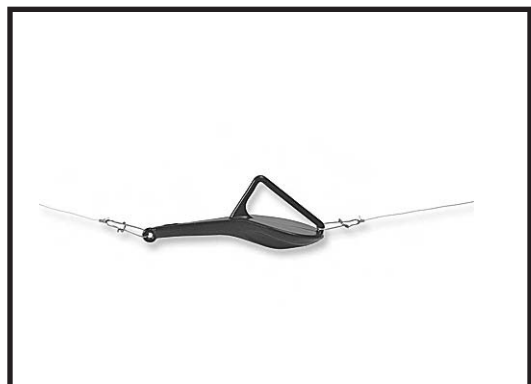
The applications for the new Tadpole are only limited by the imagination of the anglers using it. Just about any fresh or saltwater species of fish can be targeted using Tadpoles. Currently the Tadpole is available in a No. 1 (Part Number OR36 1) and No. 2 (Part Number OR36 2) size.

### SUPPORT PRODUCTS

The Tadpole can be fished as a flat line or in cooperation with OR12 Side Planers and also Riviera Dual Planer Boards. As with all trolling products, using a line counter reel will enable anglers to duplicate effective lead lengths and get the most from the new Tadpole.



Tadpole shown in the clipped/set position.



Tadpole shown in the tripped position.

# STACKER RELEASE TECHNOLOGY

BY MARK ROMANACK

The stacker release allows two different rods to be fished with one downrigger. The Off Shore Tackle OR2 and OR7 were designed to help anglers get the most from their downriggers. The OR2 is a medium tension release best suited for targeting salmon, trout and steelhead. The OR7 is a light tension release ideal for walleye, spring browns and coho.

The two release design of the stacker allows one release to hold onto the downrigger cable, while the second is used to secure a second line at a different depth from the downrigger weight. The two releases are attached to a heavy duty snap by coated steel wire. This durable design will function for years so long as the stacker is rigged onto the downrigger cable properly.

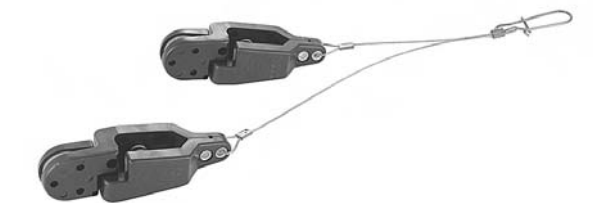
Begin by clipping the heavy duty snap over the downrigger cable. Next take the release on

the short arm and pinch it onto the downrigger cable above the heavy duty snap. Finally, set a lure behind the boat and put the line from this second rod into the release on the

longer arm. When the rigger is set and the line on the reel tightened up, the long arm release will be lifted upwards slightly.

If the release on the short arm is rigged below the heavy duty snap, the arms of the stacker will be pulled apart like a wish bone. After being bent in the wrong direction a few times the coated steel wire will break much the same as if you bent a paper click back and forth at the same spot.

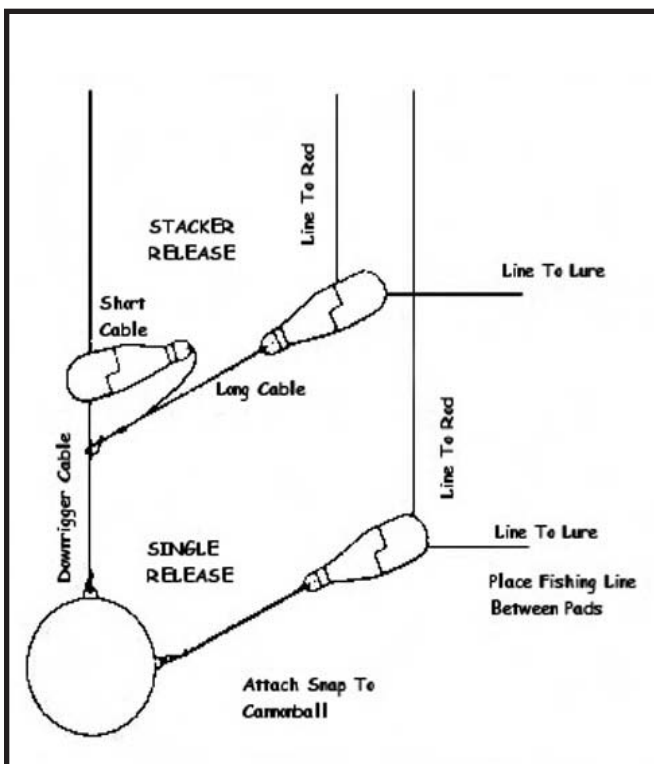
Rigged properly the OR2 and OR7 will provide anglers years of faithful service and allow two rods to be fished with each downrigger.



OR2 Medium Tension Stacker Downrigger Release



OR7 Light Tension Stacker Downrigger Release



# OFF SHORE SIDE PLANERS FOR SMALLIES

BY DAVE DYBOWSKI

Last season while walleye fishing I discovered a new strategy for targeting mid-summer smallmouth bass. The Upper Thumb area of Michigan offers anglers a world class smallmouth fishery but up until this recent discovery, the season was only productive while the fish were in shallow water. Once the water warmed, fish would move into deeper water and were difficult to locate and even more difficult to catch.

This technique although not new to walleye anglers is quite new to bass anglers. As most, if not all of you already know, the most efficient way to cover a lot of water is by trolling. Now trolling is hardly a new technique for catching fish but how many of you troll for bass? That's right; smallmouth bass will readily strike trolled baits.

My favorite and most productive trolling baits for smallmouth baits are small spoons made by Wolverine Tackle and Michigan Stinger. The bonus is that you will take an equal amount of walleye with these small spoons. I spool a Daiwa 17LC reel with fireline backing, 3 colors of lead core line, and 100 feet of 17 lb. test monofilament for a leader. I like to



This is just one of many great smallmouth bass caught by Paul Willinger while using the Off Shore Tackle Company LLC OR12 Side Planer.

attach this to a 7' light action trolling rod. (I think any rod reel combination will work but the above is what I prefer). The more important part of the tackle is the lead core line for getting those small spoons where they belong. For the final bit of tackle, I like to use Off Shore Tackle Side Planers for two reasons. Reason one is for getting baits away from the boat and reason two is for running multiple rods off each side of the boat.

You will need to pay attention to how your boards are running to get used to smallmouth strikes. Larger fish will pull them back much like a walleye strike but smaller fish will just turn the back end of the board on a slight angle. It will not take long to learn when a smallmouth is on. I think an even better set-up would be to add Off Shore's strike indicator flags known as the OR12TF Tattle Flag onto your Side Planers. That should eliminate any guess work on strikes.

This technique not only made my walleye fishing a multiple fish outing with the addition of the smallmouth but it also extended my bass season from a 6 week fishery to a summer long fishery.

The smallmouth you catch with this technique are usually quite large, usually in the 3 to 4 pound range.

# GEARING UP FOR GREAT LAKES STEELHEAD

BY MARK ROMANACK

If salmon are the king of the Great Lakes, silvery steelhead trout rank a close second. Anyone who hasn't marveled at a chrome bullet rocketing out of the water, hasn't caught one. With the possible exception of the smallmouth bass, steelhead are the most acrobatic fish an angler is likely to catch in fresh water. Match those spectacular leaps up with stubborn line stripping runs and the steelhead is a fish everyone can appreciate.

The Great Lakes, without question, offers the finest steelhead fishing in the world. All five Great Lakes deliver steelhead action, including Lake Erie which is better known for warm water species like walleye and smallmouth. No matter where an angler lives in the region, exceptional fishing for silver bullets is close at hand.

## UNDERSTANDING STEELHEAD

Like salmon, steelhead are anadromous fish that are hatched in rivers, then live out the majority of their adult life in the Great Lakes before returning to spawn in parent rivers. Most steelhead do not return to their native streams until they are sexually mature adults. Some steelhead survive to spawn two or even three times, but a significant percentage of steelhead spawn and then die not unlike salmon.

The average steelhead in the Great Lakes region weighs six to eight pounds, but fish in the 10-12 pound range are common and a few specimens grow to 15 pounds or more. Most steelhead live five to seven years and a few fish have been reported to have survived 11 years.

Spawning success for steelhead in the Great Lakes region varies widely by location. In some northern streams natural reproduction is very productive and in others natural reproduction is scant at best. On average, steelhead in the Great Lakes region enjoy about a 20% natural recruitment rate. This might sound impressive, but compared to king salmon that enjoy a 50%-60% natural recruitment rate, steelhead struggle to perpetuate themselves.

In part, the reason steelhead natural reproduction is modest is because after the eggs hatch, the young fish remain in the river for a year or more before smolting. Smolting is the process of migrating downstream and taking up residence in the Great Lakes. Compared to king salmon that smolt at only a few months of age, young steelhead are much more prone to predation in the form of gulls, herons, otters and other fish.

Once in the Great Lakes steelhead typically live for three or four years before returning to spawn. Because steelhead are in great demand by anglers and spawning success varies, annual stocking efforts are an important part of a Great Lakes steelhead management plan.

## FORAGE ISSUES

The open water of the Great Lakes represents a daunting amount of water in which anglers must hunt for fish. Fortunately, steelhead tend to favor the surface waters of the Great Lakes. Compared to salmon, steelhead are more often found closer to the surface. However, faced with the same task of finding food as salmon, steelhead can and do venture into the depths when necessary.

In part, a host of bugs and other insects help keep steelhead near the surface. Like their river bound cousins the rainbow trout, steelhead have a taste for insects. When these fish can slurp bugs off the surface, they do so without hesitation.

The majority of the steelhead's diet is made up of forage fish including alewives, shiners, smelt and shad. These are the very same forage species that salmon target. Not surprisingly, steelhead and salmon are often found in the same places and a mixed bag is common.

## SURFACE TROLLING TACTICS

Steelhead specific fishing techniques are only applied by a minority of anglers. Mostly, steelhead are caught by anglers who are targeting salmon.

When the surface water is cooler than 60 degrees, steelhead are commonly found in the top 10 feet.

One of my favorite steelhead specific rigs is a trolling spoon with an egg sinker rigged six feet in front of the bait. I rig up by threading a 1 or 1 1/2 ounce egg sinker onto my main line of 17 pound test monofilament. Next I add a plastic bead and then tie on a barrel style ball bearing swivel. To the swivel I attach six feet of 20# test fluorocarbon line with a ball bearing snap swivel at the terminal end.

I fish with medium sized spoons when targeting steelhead. My all time favorites include the Wolverine Tackle Mini Streak and Original Streak. To gain better lure coverage and to make contact with spooky fish, I fish this spoon 100 feet behind the boat and use the Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer in line planer board.

An alternative to this spoon rig is to fish a stick bait or diving crank bait in place of the spoon. The egg sinker can either be used or removed if desired.

Both the spoon and crank bait options are largely targeting steelhead in the top 20 feet of the water column. To fish a little deeper requires a different approach.

## MID DEPTH TROLLING

For trolling the mid depths down to around 40 feet, I prefer to use lead core line sandwiched between a monofilament backing and leader. A full core or 300 meters of lead core will run approximately 40 feet deep. Rig up the lead core with a 50 foot leader of 20# test fluorocarbon line. The backing should be 17-20 pound test monofilament and the reel should be capable of holding

at least 300 feet of backing.

My favorite lead core reels are the Okuma Clarion 453L models. These reels easily handle a full core of 27# test lead core, plus adequate backing and leader. Even better these reels have a super fast 6.2:1 retrieve ratio that makes picking up all that lead core, leader and backing a breeze.

At the terminal end of this lead core rig, I use a ball bearing swivel and again a small to medium sized spoon. All my lead core lines are also fished in combination with OR12 Side Planer in line planer boards to gain invaluable outward lure coverage. To rig a lead core line simply let out the lure, leader and all the lead core line. Attach the in line board to the backing and then let the in line board out 50-100 feet out to the side of the boat. The calmer the water, the further out to the side of the boat the board can be fished.

## TROLLING MID DEPTHS AND BELOW

When it's necessary to target steelhead below 40 feet, I prefer to use a diving planer like the Walker Deeper Diver, Dipsy Diver or Slide Diver. These divers come in different sizes designed to achieve different depths. My standard choice for trolling is the Walker 107 mm diver fished on 30# test braided line and set to fish on the No. 2 or 3 outboard option. This combination allows me to target steelhead down to around 50 feet and achieve a little outward lure cover as a bonus.

My main line is 30# test braid attached to a heavy duty snap. The snap is attached to the trip arm on the diver. At the back of the diver I attach a six foot leader of 20# test fluorocarbon line and an in line snubber to prevent line failures. At the terminal end I add a ball bearing swivel and again the same spoons used with previous presentations.

I prefer to run one diver off each side of the boat to keep lines separated and avoid tangles with hooked fish.

Wrapping up my steelhead trolling pattern, I also run two additional downrigger lines to cover the deeper depths. On these downrigger lines I rig a spoon on the main line and a fixed six foot long add-a-line 10 feet above the downrigger ball.

The add-a-line is little more than a six foot length of leader material with an Off Shore Tackle OR14 planer board release slid onto the line. At each end a ball bearing snap swivel is attached. One end of this leader accepts a spoon and the other end simply clips over the fishing line. The OR14 is also clipped to the line to hold the add-a-line and trailing lure at a specific depth.

I prefer to set my add-a-line to hold this bonus lure in place precisely 10 feet above the main lure. When a fish is hooked on the add-a-line the line release provides enough resistance to insure a good hook set. As the fish is fought, the line release slowly slides down to the ball bearing swivel at the end of the main line.

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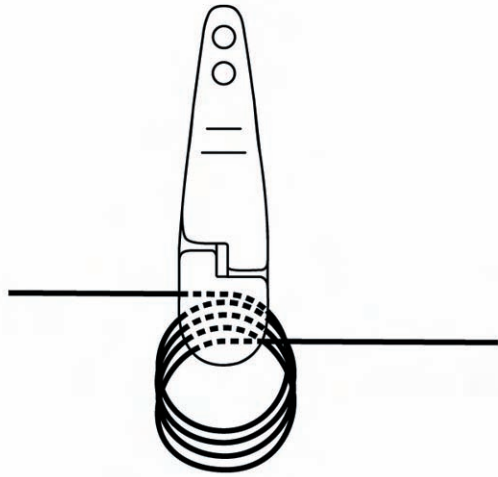
# OR34 MINI BOARD COMES OF AGE

BY MARK ROMANACK

Introduced in 2009 the OR34 Mini Board has quickly found a niche among those who troll inland waters and rivers. Designed with suspended crappie fishing in mind, the Mini Board can and does help anglers catch a wealth of other species. The cool thing about the Mini Board is it one of the few examples where fishing with less really can spell out more success!

## CRAPPIE

Crappie are a popular species across most of middle America. Abundant in natural lakes and a host of impoundments, this popular species is often found suspended in the water column. Suspended fish are best targeted with trolling tactics and the Mini Board is sized perfectly to fish with the light line and rods favored by crappie anglers.



Simply grab your favorite crappie lures, rods, reels and let the Mini Board help with the process of covering water. Because the Mini Board comes factory equipped for the Release and Slide method of planer board fishing, several boards can be stacked on each side of the boat. The easiest method for insuring a quick and smooth release is to wrap the line first around your index finger a few times to form a loop. Next open the OR10 release that comes standard with the Mini Board and place the release jaws firmly on the

twists of line so the loop sticks out the top of the release. Follow up by placing the line through the snap swivel located at the back of the board.

A quick snap of the rod tip is all it takes to release the board and send it sliding down the line. Be sure to add a barrel swivel and bead in line about three or four feet ahead of the lure so the board doesn't slide down to the fish.

The Mini Board is easily reversible, allowing anglers to rig for fishing on the starboard or port side of the boat in seconds. Small crank baits and jigs dressed with twister tails are the most common lures trolled for crappie.

## RIVER WALLEYE

In the spring walleye invade rivers for spawning and often set up housekeeping for weeks after the spawn is complete. The Mini Board is ideal for fishing rivers with crank baits, in line weights, spoons, crawler harnesses and a host of other common walleye tackle.

The same rigging methods commonly employed with crappie trolling work well for walleye. Using the Release and Slide rigging method, two, three or more boards can easily be fished on either side of the boat.

## STEELHEAD AND SALMON IN RIVERS

The Mini Board is also perfect for fishing rivers that attract steelhead and salmon. High action crank baits are popular river steelhead lures and with the help of the Mini Board anglers fishing from boats or shore can easily fish waters other overlook.

Simply cast out the crank bait of choice and attach the Mini Board on the line with both the OR10 release and snap swivel at the back of the board. Now drop the board in the water and play line off the reel so the current can sweep the board and bait out away from the boat or shore.

The Mini Board is a slick way to position diving crank baits up under log jams, undercut banks and other places it's almost impossible to cast to. From a boat, wading or fishing from shore, the Mini Board helps anglers cover more productive steelhead water.

When salmon move into the streams to spawn, they are vulnerable to the Mini Board also. Salmon love to eat fresh and cured spawn when they move into the rivers. Using Jet Divers to pull chunks of skein or spawn sacs is a common way to catch salmon. Use the Mini Board and it's a snap to add additional lines on the port and starboard side of the boat while fishing a flat line or two straight out the back.

Deep holes are the best places to try this technique, but like steelhead the Mini Board can be used to present spawn and lures up under log jams, overhanging banks and other areas impossible to reach with other methods.

## INLAND LAKE TROLLING

The opportunities to use the Mini Board to catch bass, walleye, pike and trout from inland lakes is almost unlimited. The Mini Board is perfect for trolling along shorelines, weed edges, drop offs, islands and other places fish hang out. Even better, you can troll with the Mini Board using the rods and reels you already own.

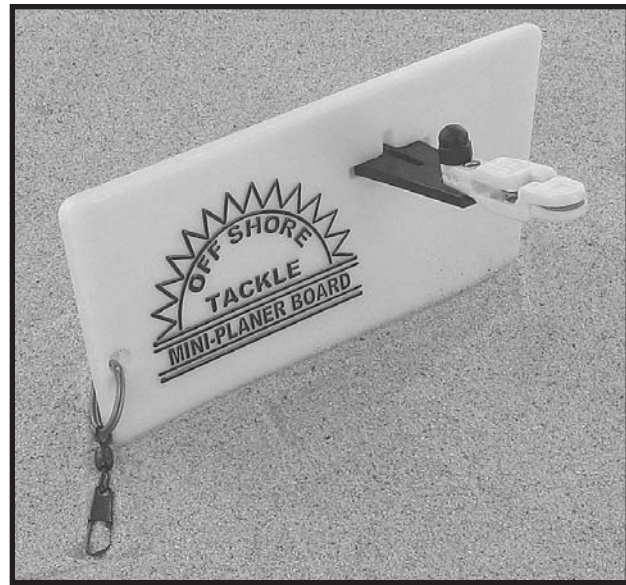
## TAKING THE NEXT STEP

The Mini Board was designed to allow anglers an opportunity to explore trolling with

their existing rods, reels and lures. Once bitten by the trolling bug, anglers will no doubt want to take a more sophisticated approach to their trolling.

Incorporating line counter reels is the biggest step a troller can make towards fishing success. The mechanical lead length counters on these reels allows anglers to monitor trolling leads and predict the running depth of their lures. Even better, once a fish is caught using a particular lure and lead length, the line counter reel makes it possible to duplicate what's working.

Quality rod holders are another accessory item every serious troller needs. Available in several configurations, the most common rod holder design are known as saddle styles that are generally made of plastic and designed to cradle the rod and reel. Tube type holders are another design that are made from metal or plastic and designed to hold the rod by the handle. Flush mount rod holders sit into the deck, making them the least adjustable option, but also the least obtrusive option. Made from plastic or metal, flush mouth rod holders come in vertical and angled configurations.



## SUMMING IT UP

The new OR34 Mini Board has proven to be a popular and productive addition to the Off Shore Tackle product line. As the years pass, no doubt we'll discover new and better ways to troll with boards. Once again the OR34 is a great addition to Off Shore Tackle Company LLC's line up of great products!

# GEARING UP FOR GREAT LAKES STEELHEAD

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**Cameran Paul Chilson of Fishing 411 TV caught this first open water steelhead after completing a segment of Fishing 411 TV. To see this exciting episode, check out the Sportsman Channel during the first and second quarters of 2010.**

## WRAPPING IT UP

With this complement of trolling options, I can easily fish steelhead from the surface down to 100 feet if necessary. On most days the board lines catch the majority of the fish, but there are exceptions.

When I fish Lake Erie for steelhead, warm surface water forces those fish to seek greater depths. I catch lots of steelhead on Erie with diving planers and downriggers at depths from 50-70 feet below the surface. This goes double on those hot days in August when the air temperature is in the upper 80's and the surface water is in the high 70's.

Nothing beats the rush of catching Great Lakes steelhead. Often these wonderful fish are considered to be a bonus catch. With a little advance planning and some steelhead specific tactics, silver bullets can be on the menu every time out.

# AUTOMATIC PLANER MASTS

BY LARRY HARTWICK

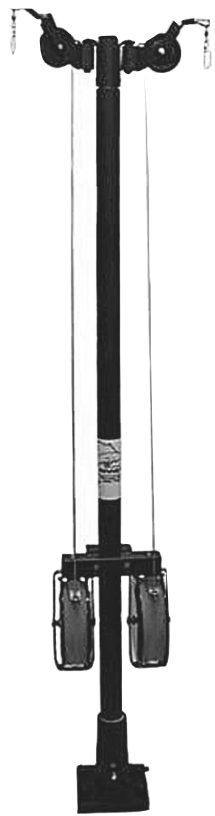
Riviera Trolling Systems Incorporated is the only company that produces an Automatic Planer Mast. It's not electric and that confuses a lot of anglers. The principle that it operates upon is fairly simple, but reliable and effective. The reel contains a constant tension "spring motor". This is not a rewind style clock spring that can break but a rugged, dependable unit featuring an over-wind clutch and gear reduction.

How do you use it? Simply attach your Riviera planer boards to the tow line and set the board into the water. As the boat moves forward, line is released from the reel until the desired distance from the boat is achieved. A positive stop is set at the reel limiting the amount of line that can be let out (this step can be done before you go fishing). This stop can be changed at any time or left in the same place.

To retrieve your lines, simply drive the boat to one planer board, pick it up and then drive over to the other board. As the boat creates slack line while driving toward the board, the reel will automatically retrieve it.

Simple to use and once the stops are set everything can be operated from the cockpit of the boat using a retrieve line. It is possible to operate this system by yourself and even if you don't fish alone, it'll make your trip more enjoyable, especially if you fish with inexperienced anglers.

The reels are matched with our 7' collapsible aluminum mast (DPMKA) and are available with our regular, removable base or with your choice of 3 different Springfield Marine and Attwood Swivl-Eze seat mounts. Try it and join the other anglers have made their fishing easier.



**Collapsible Aluminum Dual Planer Board Mast (DPMKA) with Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels by Riviera.**

# TRIPLE BOARD TREATS

BY LARRY HARTWICK

Since the development of the Riviera Triple Planer Board (Model TPB), I am constantly amazed at the new fishing opportunities that are available to anglers using planer boards. I think that there have been many times over the years that we literally have missed the boat because we didn't have planer boards that would perform as well as the TPB. Often we were limited in what the board could handle and we would usually only deploy stick baits or crank baits from the tow lines.

All of that changed with the triple boards, now we fish lead core, wire and copper lines, Jet Divers, and small diver discs in essence increasing the width of the boat by 100 feet off of each side. Now we could target fish not only by the surface but into the mid depths as well and allowed us to use lures that we normally couldn't fish from planer boards. Now we can fish spoons, dodgers with flies, rotators, and other baits that normally couldn't get down on their own. This opened up a whole new world of possibilities.

I had the opportunity to crack into what I hope is a new fishery that could develop in Lake Huron for years to come. While on a short trip to check out the walleye in the Port Austin area, we landed 16 whitefish weighing up to 10 pounds, 1 atlantic salmon about 6 pounds, 1 rainbow trout of 9 1/2 pounds, and 4 walleye; all in a 3 hour trip! All of these fish came on small spoons like the Mini Streaks and Stinger Scorpions being run behind discs and 3 color lead core rigs. They were also caught inside of 22 feet of water with most in the 13-16 foot depths. This took place during the last week of June and continued into July.

What makes this catch special in my mind is that in the previous years when we were limited to pulling crank baits, we probably wouldn't have caught a fraction of the fish. We used the triple boards being towed 100 feet to the side of the boat by a 7' Riviera Kachman Automatic Planer Mast (DPMKA) in very clear water. Because the triple boards can handle the extra load created from towing lead core and small divers, we were able to get these very small spoons down 10-13 feet to the area that fish were feeding in while covering a large area of water.

The treat is being able to deliver lures that will effectively take fish such as whitefish at depths not obtainable before with these lures and also on the grill!



**Riviera's (TPB) Triple Planer Board even folds for easy storage!**

# IN LINE BOARD RIGGING OPTIONS

BY MARK ROMANACK

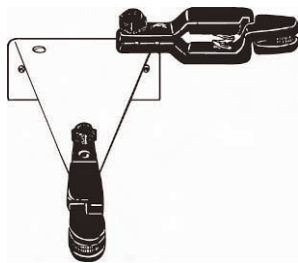
One of the most unique things about fishing in line boards is the many ways these trolling aids can be rigged and used to target so many different kinds of fish. The popular OR12 Side Planer is capable of being rigged about a dozen different ways and commonly used to catch just about everything that swims.

Some of the rigging options that have surfaced over the years have come from tournament professionals, others from charter captains and still others from anglers like you who have shared their favorite rigging methods with the Off Shore Tackle staff.

No matter what species an angler targets or how a person chooses to rig the OR12, you can be confident you're fishing the finest in line board on the market.

## THE PARSONS METHOD

Professional walleye angler Gary Parsons rigs his OR12 with two OR16 Snap Weight Clips mounted on the tow arm of the board. One release is mounted in the normal position on the nose of the tow arm. A second clip is then mounted in a provided hole located near the point where the tow arm joins the board.

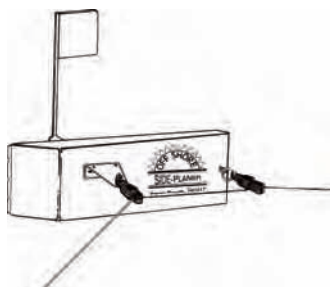


Mounting both clips to the tow arm of the board causes the OR12 to run in the water with the nose slightly up. This subtle change in how the board runs means that when a fish strikes, the board becomes more responsive to the strike. Even a small fish like a sub-legal walleye will cause the board to tip up even more, making it easy to determine when a small fish has been hooked.

Parsons also contends that rigging his boards with both clips on the tow arm makes it faster and easier for him to remove the board when fighting fish.

## THE FACTORY RIGGING

The OR12 comes rigged from the factory with an OR19 (orange) release mounted on the nose of the tow arm and a second OR19 release attached to the back of the board. This rigging configuration allows the board to run nearly flat in the water, providing the best possible outward coverage and also allowing the board to pull heavy loads like deep diving crank baits, lead core line, bottom bouncers and other trolling aids. The factory rigging method is a good all purpose rigging option.



## THE SPLIT RING OPTION

Great Lakes charter captains rig the OR12 Side Planer

using either a OR16 Snap Weight Clip or an OR19 Heavy Tension Release mounted on the tow arm. However, instead of using the nut and bolt provided from the factory to mount the clip, many captains use a split ring to attach the clip.

"The split ring attachment option helps to keep the board in the water when trolling in rough seas," says Captain Chris Hettinger of River Rat Charters. "Because I'm trolling both downwind and upwind, this rigging option helps insure the board will function well even in rough water conditions."

## THE SNAPPER OPTION

Trollers who fish with super braid lines favor the OR18 Snapper Release. This unique cam style release mechanism is designed with a set screw adjustment that allows the release to be tightened enough to hold even ultra thin and ultra slippery super braid lines. The Snapper also has the advantage of being easy to open with just one hand.



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# A CRASH COURSE IN PLANER BOARD RELEASES

BY MARK ROMANACK

The common planer board line release suffers from the Goldie Locks effect. If the line release is too heavy fish will be dragged needlessly. If the release tension is too light, fish that bite won't be hooked. To function properly, a planer board line release must have the "just right" amount of tension that insures a good hook set and yet is easy to trigger.

For the record, rubber bands, home made line releases and most commercially available line releases don't measure up to this standard. The problem is no single line release can do all the jobs necessary for trolling with planer boards. That's exactly why Off Shore Tackle offers the widest assortment of planer board line releases on the market.



**OR17BWW Medium Tension Planer Board Release. Available in 24 pks.**

## OR10

The OR10 (yellow) line release features the lightest tension setting in the Off Shore Tackle family of line releases. The spring tension in the OR10 can be easily adjusted by simply sliding the spring toward the pads to increase tension or away from the pads to lighten the tension. This very popular release is the overwhelming choice of walleye anglers everywhere.

## OR14

The OR14 (black) line release has a slightly heavier tension than the OR10. Like it's brother the OR10 the OR14 is adjustable by simply sliding the spring toward or away from the pads to increase or decrease tension. Anglers targeting trophy walleye favor the OR14 and this release is also widely used among salmon anglers rigging up Add-A-Lines for downrigger fishing.

## OR19

The OR19 is the heavy tension version of Off Shore Tackle's small line release family. Standard equipment on the OR12 Side Planer Board, the OR19 also doubles as an excellent line release for trout, salmon, striper and other larger fish species.

## OR3

The OR3 (white) planer board release has a larger pad diameter than the OR10, 14 or 19 releases. Tension is adjusted by how deeply the line is placed into the rubber jaws. Very popular with walleye anglers, the OR3 also functions very well for spring browns, coho, kings and lake trout.

## OR17

The OR17 is the same release used on the very popular OR1 Downrigger Line Release. Rigged with a quick clip ring this release is also perfect for planer board fishing targeting big fish like salmon, stripers, pike and some saltwater applications.

## OR30

The heaviest line release in the Off Shore Tackle family is the OR30 which features double springs making it the ideal release for fast trolling speeds and big fish. The overwhelm favorite of muskie anglers, the OR30 also sees a lot of service with saltwater anglers and those who target trophy class stripers.

## BONUS LINE CLIPS

In addition to these popular line releases, Off Shore Tackle produces two special purpose line clips designed for extra special applications. The OR16 Snap Weight Clip is a heavy tension line clip with a pin that indexes into the rubber jaws. When the line is placed behind this pin and the jaws closed, the Snap Weight Clip is fixed onto the line. Ideal for fishing weight systems, the Snap Weight Clip is also commonly used on the OR12 Side Planer board by professional walleye anglers who like the added insurance of keeping the board firmly attached to the line.

The OR18 Snapper is another special purpose product. Designed for fishing with super thin and slippery braided and fused lines, the Snapper is most commonly used on the OR12 Side Planer Board among anglers who prefer to troll with super lines. A cam action design combined with a set screw adjustment enables this line clip to hold super braids firmly without damaging them.

## SUMMING IT UP

Off Shore Tackle has the widest assortment of planer board line releases of any manufacturer. Because no single line release can function in every trolling situation, Off Shore Tackle provides lots of options guaranteed to make the most of every trolling situation.



**OR30BWW Heavy Tension Planer Board Release. Available in 6 pks.**



**OR18 Snapper In Line Planer Board Release. Available in a 1 pk.**



**OR16 Snap Weight Clip. Available in 2 pks or OR16BWW 100 pks.**



**OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board and In Line Planer Board Release. Available in 4 pks or OR10BWW 100 pks.**



**OR14 Adjustable Medium Tension Planer Board and In Line Planer Board Release. Available in 4 pks or OR14BWW 100 pks.**



**OR19 Adjustable Heavy Tension Planer Board and In Line Planer Board Release. Available in 2 pks or OR19BWW 100 pks.**



**OR3 Light Tension Planer Board Release. Available in 2 pks or OR3BWW 50 pks.**

# ROTATOR MANIA

BY MARK ROMANACK

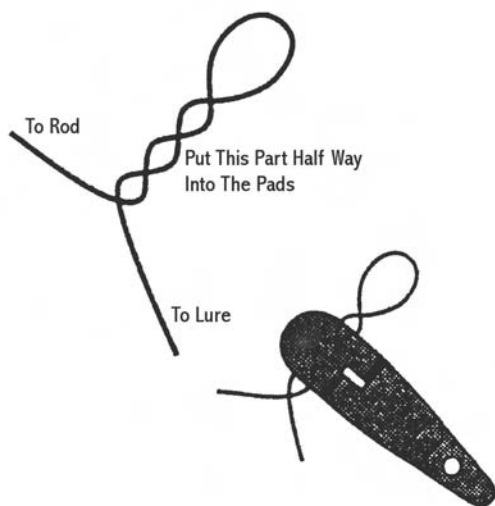
Rotators or attractors for salmon fishing are getting bigger and bigger. Fished in combination with flies, squid bodies and cut bait rigs, there seems to be no limit to how big a rotator can be or how effective they can be for targeting trophy sized salmon.

As the popularity of these attractor systems has grown, Off Shore Tackle has kept pace by designing heavy tension line releases suitable for fishing rotators, dodgers, flashers, flodgers and other attractor systems.

The OR8 Heavy Tension Downrigger Release is the perfect solution for fishing rotators in combination with a downrigger. The double spring tension is heavy enough to pull large rotators at high speeds and in deep water. This release is also in wide use among saltwater anglers who also need the extra tension and hook setting power of the OR8

## FISHING TIPS

Depending on the brand, size and type of attractor being used, these devices are normally rigged from 10-50 feet behind a downrigger ball. The further back these attractors are set, the wider circle they cover when rotating in the water.



Reels to be used for attractor fishing should be equipped with 25 to 30 pound test monofilament. Set the rotator the desired distance behind the boat and then fold the line over your finger. Twist the line a few turns to create a few turns of line and a loop. Open the line release on the OR8 and bury the twists of line deep into the rubber pads. The loop of line should extend out beyond the release.



The Editor's sister, Shelly Clouthier, experienced Great Lakes salmon fishing for the first time recently aboard the Fishing 411 TV boat.

This method of setting the line into the heavy tension release insures enough resistance to get a solid hook set, while making it easy for the angler to trip the release to change lures, etc.

Compared to more traditional attractors like dodgers, flashers and rotators can be fished faster. This enables trollers to mix different lure presentations like spoons and flies into the same trolling pattern.

## SUMMING IT UP

The Off Shore Tackle OR8 is the ideal downrigger release for fishing rotators and other attractors. There simply is no substitute for the best.

# CREATIVE LEAD CORE OPTIONS

BY MARK ROMANACK

Lead core line has enjoyed an amazing rebirth in the Great Lakes! Once considered antiquated, modern Great Lakes trollers are finding new and exciting ways to catch trout, steelhead and salmon on lead core rigs.

The popularity of the OR12 Side Planer in line board has played a huge role in the resurgence of lead core line. By fishing segments of sinking lead core line sandwiched between a leader and backing, anglers can use the OR12 to gain outward coverage and still fish deep below the surface.

By manipulating the amount of lead core line used, it's possible to stack two, three or even four lead core lines per side without fear of tangling and while targeting a different depth with each line.

## LEAD CORE BASICS

Lead core is a sinking line that consists of a soft lead wire encased in a braided nylon coating. Available in different break strengths, walleye anglers favor 15 or 18 pound test, while trout and salmon anglers prefer 27 pound test lead core line. The diameter and weight of the wire in 18 and 27 pound test lead core is exactly the same. Only the nylon coating is thicker and stronger.

Lead core comes on filler spools of 100 and 200 meters, plus bulk spools of 1000 meters. Every 10 meters the line is color coded to make it easy to determine how much line is being deployed.

The most common way to fish lead core is to start by spooling up 200 yards of backing material onto a large level-wind trolling reel. For walleye fishing 10-15 pound test is ideal as a backing line and 17-25 pound test recommended for trout and salmon fishing. Both super braids and monofilament are commonly used for backing material.

Once the desired amount of backing is spooled on, the lead core must be attached to the backing material. The easiest connection is to pull out about six inches of the soft wire and discard it. Now thread the end of the backing material into the hollow nylon coating until the backing material bottoms out against the lead wire. At this point, tie a simple overhand knot in the nylon coating,



Lead core is a valuable tool for targeting a wealth of species including this nice steelhead taken on Lake Erie.

pinching the backing material firmly inside. This connection creates a super small knot and it's very strong.

With the lead core connected to the backing, spool on the desired amount of lead core line. Once the desired amount of lead core is spooled on, a leader must be added.

Use the same process described for connecting the lead core to the backing. Fluorocarbon is a good leader material and the most popular leader length is approximately 50 feet. The finished lead core rig consists of a 50 foot leader, the desired amount of lead core and 200 yards of backing material.

## BACKING OPTIONS

Some anglers favor super braid for backing material because it is small in diameter and takes up less room on the reel. This allows more backing to be spooled on. If super braid is used as backing, special after market line clips must be used on the OR12 Side Planers. The OR18 Snapper Release is designed to be used with super braids.

If monofilament is used for backing, no special modifications must be made to the Side Planer board. Larger reels will be required to support the adequate amounts of backing necessary for fishing lead core in combination with monofilament.



OR18 Snapper Release

A different option is to rig a short length of monofilament between the lead core and the backing to serve as a place for attaching the Side Planer board. This is a trick shared with us by Chip Cartwright of Wolverine Tackle.

## LEAD CORE REELS

Because lead core is large in diameter and lots of line is commonly deployed, it takes a large reel to handle these trolling chores. The typical trolling reels are simply not large enough to handle 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 colors of lead core line plus backing.

My favorite lead core reels are the Okuma Clarion. The size 45 is adequate for up to 5 or 6 colors of lead core. The larger size 55 is perfect for up to 10 colors of lead

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# DOWNRIGGER BASICS

BY MARK ROMANACK  
AND LARRY HARTWICK

The common downrigger has been catching deep water fish for more than four decades. Even with all the advancements of modern day sport fishing, no one has invented a better way to target deep water fish than the often misunderstood downrigger.

Most anglers recognize that downriggers are designed for presenting lures in deep water, but beyond that the basics that make downrigger fishing effective gets sketchy.

For the record, downriggers aren't just for fishing in deep water. A downrigger can be used to present a wealth of lure and bait options at just about any water depth.



**Riggers have a long and fruitful history on the Great Lakes and beyond. When it comes to depth control, nothing can beat a downrigger fished properly.**

## DOWNRIGGER RELEASES

You can spend a lot of money on quality downriggers, but it's the \$10.00 line release that makes or breaks the function of any downrigger. To function properly a downrigger line release must provide enough tension so fish that strike are hooked solidly. Next, that same line release must allow the angler to trip the line free with minimal effort. Thirdly, the line release must not damage the fishing line and lastly, to function under a wide variety of depths, trolling speeds, line diameters and terminal tackle the downrigger line release must be versatile.

No single line release can function properly for all downrigger trolling applications. That's why Off Shore Tackle Company LLC produces three different downrig-

ger line releases, designed to perfectly match any fishing situation.

The OR1 is a medium tension release that functions exceptionally well for average trout, salmon and steelhead trolling. Designed to function with a wide variety of line diameters and average trolling speeds, the OR1 is Off Shore Tackle's best selling downrigger line release.

The OR4 is a light tension downrigger release that's ideal for targeting smaller species like wall-eye, coho, spring browns and in-land lake trout. The OR4 functions perfectly with lighter lines and slower trolling speeds.

The OR8 is a heavy tension (double spring) downrigger line release that's gaining popularity rapidly.

Ideal for faster trolling speeds or for fishing larger lures, muskie and saltwater anglers swear by the OR8. The OR8 is also ideal for trolling with rotators and other attractors. Designed to function with heavier line diameters, the OR8 can also double as a functional release for Great Lakes trout and salmon.

## STACKER RELEASES

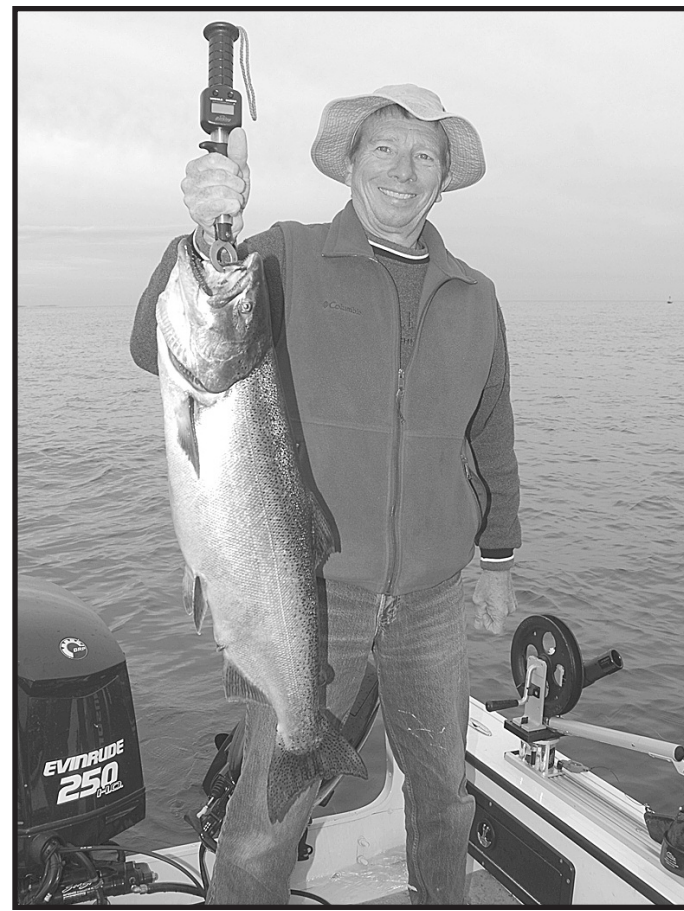
A stacker release allows two different rods to be fished using one downrigger. Off Shore Tackle produces two stacker releases including the OR2 (trout and salmon) and the OR7 (walleye and coho). Not only does the stacker release allow two lines to be fished from one downrigger, it enables the angler to pin his bait at a specific depth and then duplicate that depth should the lure catch a fish.

## DOWNRIGGERS

Riviera produces three models of downriggers ranging from inexpensive basic units to the full bells and whistle models.

The Model 300 is a flat arm basic manual unit that retails for just \$175.00. This rigger is intended to be used as a portable or as a flat back model on small to medium sized boats.

The Model 500 is also a manual, but the swivel arm design allows this unit to be used as a flat back or out down configuration. Available in 18, 30, and 48 inch arms, the Model 500 is a good all purpose downrigger



**Ken Matousek of Flushing learned first hand how a set of manual downriggers can flesh out the trolling program on any fishing boat.**

at a modest price point.

The Model 700 is Riviera's top of the line in manual downriggers. This rigger comes standard with 48 inch arms, swivel base, dual rod holders, 200 feet of cable, deck plate, gear driven counter and safety clutch. The Model 700 is also available with 24 and 72 inch arms.

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**Riviera's most popular downrigger is the Model 700.**

# CREATIVE LEAD CORE OPTIONS

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core. Another advantage of these reels is the faster retrieve ratio. Both the 45 and 55 sizes come in a fast retrieve 6.2:1 retrieve ratio that helps pick up line quickly. This is a huge advantage when fishing 10 colors of lead core.

## SHORT LEAD CORE

Not every lead core trolling opportunity calls for using long lengths of lead core. In the spring and fall when fish are often found in shallow water, rigging up modest lengths of lead core is a great way to target spooky fish.

Captain Chris Hettinger of River Rat Charters commonly fishes three lead core lines per side. "I fish a 1 color, 3 color and 5 color on one side of the boat and a 1/2 color, 2 color and 4 color on the other side. The short lead core leads are fished on the outside with progressively longer leads that fish deeper being set closer to the boat. This rigging option allows me to hook a fish on an outside board and reel in the fish without having to clear any lines."

Captain Hettinger uses the OR12 Side Planer rigged with two OR16 Snap Weight Clips. On the tip of the tow arm he rigs one OR16 using a split ring. At the back of the board he using a second OR16 on the split ring provided with the

board.

This rigging configuration allows Captain Hettinger to troll with or against the waves with equal efficiency. At the terminal end, he typically fishes with spoons or plugs.

## RIVERS AND LEAD CORE

Lead core is effective at targeting deeper depths. Open water trollers use lead core to reach deep fish, but river anglers can also benefit from sinking lines.

Because lead core sinks, it's ideal for presenting shallow diving crank baits and spinner rigs in rivers. Trolling over flats or along channel edges, lead core can be an absolutely deadly presentation.

The typical river angler rigs lead core a little differently. Instead of sandwiching the lead core between a leader and backing, most opt to fill their reel to capacity with lead core and use a short (10-20 foot) fluorocarbon leader. Using this configuration an angler can simply let out lead core until he feels the lure hitting bottom. At that point, reel up a couple turns of line and start trolling. Rigging in this manner presents the trailing lure just above the bottom.

Usually river lead core anglers fish their lines straight out

the back of the boat. It's not practical to pinch a planer board straight onto lead core line because the nylon coating is easily damaged.

## LEAD CORE RODS

Nearly any trolling rod can be used with lead core line. The rod should be a soft action to compensate for the lack of stretch in lead core. For fishing with in line planer boards, fiberglass or graphite/fiberglass composites are ideal. For fishing in rivers lighter graphite rods are a little more sensitive and better able to detect strikes.

River anglers also commonly use two different rod lengths. A short (6 1/2 to 7 foot) model is fished straight out the back of the boat and a longer (8-10 foot) rod is fished perpendicular to the gunwale. This rod arrangement covers the maximum amount of water and avoids tangles.

## SUMMING IT UP

Lead core is nothing new, but some of the ways anglers are using it definitely rates as newsworthy. Effective, easy to use and versatile, lead core may well be a trollers best friend.

# WHY NOT ADD-A-LINE?

BY MARK ROMANACK

When you're trolling what angler couldn't benefit from another line and lure in the water? The very simple to use Add-A-Line option allows downrigger trollers to fish two lures on one line. Even better, Add-A-Lines are inexpensive and can be rigged in a matter of seconds.

## WHAT'S AN ADD-A-LINE?

An Add-A-Line is a rigging configuration that allows a second lure to be positioned on a downrigger line a set distance above the downrigger weight. This rigging option doubles the number of lures presented with each line and helps to cover more of the water column.

In addition, because the Add-A-Line is fixed in position on the main line, resistance is greater than the commonly used slider option. This resistance in turn insures that when a fish strikes, the hooks will be driven home. On a common slider rig, there is no resistance and many fish that bite simply are not hooked.

## TYING UP AN ADD-A-LINE

Creating your own Add-A-Line is easy. Start with an OR14 (black) Planer Board Release, a heavy snap, a ball bearing swivel and about a seven foot length of 14-25 pound test fluorocarbon leader material.

Thread the leader material through the hole in the end of the OR14 release. On one end tie a heavy duty snap and on the other end tie on the ball bearing swivel. A Polamar knot is the strongest snap to leader connection possible.

## USING THE ADD-A-LINE

This simple rig is used by simply setting the downrigger as normal. When the main line has been set into the downrigger ball, lower the weight 10-15 feet and then stop. At this point, take the heavy duty snap on the Add-A-Line and clip it over the main line. Next, pinch on the OR14 to the main line next to the snap. Now take the snap swivel and add your favorite spoon or plug.

Toss the lure attached to the Add-A-Line into the water and make sure it is running clean. Next, lower the downrigger weight to the desired depth. When the downrigger is set, the



Eric Olson of BRP recently fished with Fishing 411 TV on Lake Erie. This amazing steelhead fishery is still largely undiscovered.

main line lure is fishing at the depth indicated on the digital counter. The Add-A-Line is fishing above the downrigger weight at the distance selected.

## ADD-A-LINE TIPS

When fishing Add-A-Lines, match up the line diameter to the species being targeted. For walleye, inland trout and other smaller fish 14 pound test fluorocarbon is an ideal choice. For coho, lake trout and spring kings 17-20 pound test fluorocarbon works well. For summer and fall kings, 25 pound test fluorocarbon is recommended.

It's also a good idea to mix up the lure type and size used on the main line and Add-A-Line. For example, if the main line features a magnum salmon spoon, use a smaller spoon for the Add-A-Line to offer two different lure options.

When salmon fishing it's a good idea to mix up the lure options on various riggers. For example, on one rigger setting a mag spoon on the main line and a smaller spoon on the Add-A-Line is a good option. On a second rigger, consider rigging a rotator and fly combination as the main line and a plug as the

Add-A-Line. The options for using Add-A-Lines are literally unlimited.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FISH IS HOOKED?

When a fish is hooked on the main line, the angler triggers the downrigger release with an upwards sweep of the rod. The angler fights the fish on the main lure. Meanwhile the Add-A-Line will stay attached to the line. When the Add-A-Line reaches the rod tip the angler has two choices. One option is to simply pinch off the OR14 and let the Add-A-Line slide down to the main lure.

The second option is to take a second and remove the Add-A-Line completely from the main line before continuing to fight the fish. Both options work fine. If the fish is hooked on the Add-A-Line resistance from the struggling fish will cause the OR14 release to slide down the main line and eventually stop at the snap swivel and lure on the terminal end. In this case, the angler simply fights and nets the fish as normal.

## ARE ADD-A-LINES REALLY BETTER?

The short answer is yes, Add-A-Lines are better than free sliders. Most anglers think that a free slider is making its way about half way down to the downrigger weight. This isn't what's happening. Friction and gravity force a free slider to slide all the way down to the downrigger weight, essentially fishing the same water depth as the main line. In short, sliders are nearly useless compared to a fixed Add-A-Line that can be rigged to fish any depth the angler desires.

Another advantage of the Add-A-Line is it's easy to duplicate. Should a particular Add-A-Line depth start producing fish, it's very easy to duplicate the productive depth with this line and others.

## DISADVANTAGES

Frankly, there are no disadvantages to fishing an Add-A-Line. Most states allow up to two lures to be used per line, making the Add-A-Line option a "no brainer" for serious open water trolling. No matter what species you're targeting, the Add-A-Line option is a good option.

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All Riviera downriggers have an aluminum wheel, aluminum rod holders and have gear driven counters to insure accurate depth counting. The bottom line is that they are built to last!

## HOW MANY RIGGERS DO I NEED?

Depending on the size of your boat, two, three or perhaps four downriggers will normally get the job done. On small to medium sized boats a set of riggers mounted at each corner is ideal. Large boats are most commonly mounted with two flat backs and two out down riggers. A growing number of charter captains are rigging their boats with two out downs and one rigger smack in the middle of the transom.

## DOWNRIGGER WEIGHTS

Modern downriggers will handle weights ranging from four to 14 pounds. Most anglers favor weights in the 10 to 12 pound range. Ball shaped rubber or plastic coated weights are the overwhelming most popular design. These weights sit nicely in cups designed to hold downrigger weights at the gunwale.

However, anglers should be aware that more weight is not necessarily better. Look at designs in the weights that have less drag through the water instead of adding more weight

to the traditional round, ball shaped cannonballs as they are much better on all of your trolling equipment.

## THE "V" PATTERN

A good way to use downriggers is to keep the lines set closest to the center of the boat deeper than lines set outside the gunwale. If for example a boat is equipped with two flat back riggers on the corners and an out down on each gunwale, the flat backs should be set to fish deeper and the out downs set to run higher in the water column. This trolling pattern represents the basic "V" pattern popular with anglers who have discovered this configuration helps to cover the maximum amount of water and reduce the chances of tangles.

## ADD-A-LINES

When fishing downriggers it's common to add a bonus lure rigged to a free slider or Add-A-Line. The free slider is little more than a six foot length of leader material with a snap on one end and a snap swivel on the other. The snap is placed over the main line and the lure of choice is placed on the snap swivel. The lure is tossed over the side and allowed to slide down the line.

Sliders are easy to fish, but when a fish strikes there is no

resistance and often these fish are not hooked solidly. A better solution is the Add-A-Line rigging method that's similar to a slider, but more efficient at hooking fish and controlling depth.

The advantages of the Add-A-Line are many. First the added resistance of the OR14 increases hooking ratios dramatically. Secondly, since the Add-A-Line is fixed onto the line, it's easy to duplicate a productive depth over and over again.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FISH IS HOOKED?

When a fish is hooked on the Add-A-Line, the OR14 will gradually slide down the line to the snap swivel and primary lure. As the fish nears the net the angler simply nets the fish, unsnaps the Add-A-Line and prepares to reset the downrigger and Add-A-Line.

## SUMMING IT UP

Downriggers are without question the ultimate tool for depth control fishing. They can be used to target just about any species that swims. When it comes to targeting deep water fish or fish located higher in the water column, no other fishing method compares to the precision that can be achieved with downriggers.



# OFF SHORE TACKLE

## Your Leader In...

### Side Planer Boards

#### Model # OR34 Mini Planer Board



Each OR34 Mini Planer includes an OR10 release, black bracket, split ring, snap swivel, nylon 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 light tackle fishing.

Replacement Parts Are Available For The OR34.

#### Model # OR34B Bracket 2 Pack Model # 34SCR BE 6/32 x 1/2" Screw Model # SS BE Snap Swivel

#### Model # OR12L Side Planer Left



#### Model # OR12R Side Planer Right

Each OR12 Side Planer includes a flag, two OR19 releases, instructions and is carefully ballasted to run flawlessly in rough water off of your rod line. Ideal for Walleye and most fresh water fish.

#### Model # OR31L Side Planer SST Left



#### Model # OR31R Side Planer SST Right

#### Limited Inventory Available

Each OR31 Side Planer SST includes one OR19 release, one pigtail, one split ring, instructions, and is carefully ballasted to run flawlessly in rough water or higher speeds off of your rod line. They are ideal for Striper, Salmon and Trout.

Replacement Parts Available For The OR12 and OR31

#### Model # OR12P2 Pigtail And Split Ring

#### Model # FLGSCR BE Flag & 6/32 Screw

#### Model # SCR BE 6/32 Screw

#### Model # NN BE Nylon Nut

#### Model # BRKT BE Bracket With Two Pop Rivets

#### Model # RVT BE Pop Rivet

#### Model # FOAM BE Foam Insert

#### Model # TAB BE Tab To Hold In Foam With Two 6/32 Screws

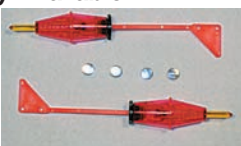
#### Model # BLSTSCR BE Ballast Screw

#### Model # BLSTWGHT BE Ballast Weight And 8 x 1/2 Screw

### Night Lights

#### Model # OR32 Night Light 2

Limited Inventory Available



360°  
visibility

Contains 2 Red Night Lights and 4 Batteries

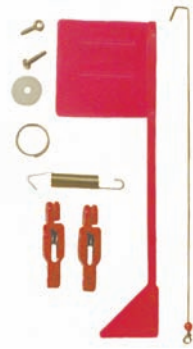
Light up your planer boards at night by attaching an OR32.

Replacement batteries are available:  
Model # BTRY BE Battery

### 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.



Replacement Parts Available For The OR12TF

#### Model # ORS2 Spring

#### Model # WIRE BE Wire

#### Model # NW BE Nylon Washer

#### Model # SCREYE BE Screw Eye

#### Model # SPLTRNG BE Split Ring

### Planer Board Releases

Our three full size planer board releases come with a quick clip for use on dual planer boards. 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 or OR3BWW 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 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 Heavy Tension Planer Board Release —Red



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

#### 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 is made to attach to the bracket of our OR12 Side Planer and OR31 Side Planer SST. 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 a quick clip for use on dual planer boards and split ring for use on in line planer boards. 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 or OR10BWW 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.



#### Model # OR14 or OR14BWW 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 or OR19BWW Adjustable Heavy Tension Planer Board Release—Orange

This release comes as standard equipment on the OR12 Side Planer as well as the OR31 Side Planer SST and is ideal for Striper, Salmon, Trout, and Muskie using 10-25 pound test monofilament and lead core.



### Pro Weights

#### Model # OR20 Pro Weight System

Each system includes instructions, four OR16 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 or OR16BWW Snap Weight Clip—Red

This half size clip has an extra heavy spring tension and includes a split ring. 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. This item is ideal for use with snap weight fishing and super braid lines.



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### Replacement Guppy Weights



- Model # OR20 1/2 1/2 Ounce Guppy Weight
- Model # OR20 3/4 3/4 Ounce Guppy Weight
- Model # OR20 1 1 Ounce Guppy Weight
- Model # OR20 1 1/2 1 1/2 Ounce Guppy Weight
- Model # OR20 2 2 Ounce Guppy Weight
- Model # OR20 3 3 Ounce Guppy Weight

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, OR19 releases along with OR16 clips WITHOUT the pin protruding through the center of the pads.



**Model # ORRP16HL**  
Replacement pads for OR16 clips WITH pin that protrudes through the center of the pads.

### Promotional Items



Model # CLR



Model # DCLSM or DCLLG



Model # PTCH



Model # HT



Model # LYND



Model # TWL



Model # PN



Model # FRSB



Model # OYTSHT



Model # OATSHRT



Model # OASWSHRT



Model # OYPOLO



Model # PRO (frontside)



Model # PRO (backside)

### Resettable Diving Weights



- Model #OR36 1 Tadpole Size 1
- Model #OR36 2 Tadpole Size 2
- Model #CS BE Coast Lock Snap

### Downrigger Accessories

#### Model # OR6 Weight Retriever/Stacker Stripper Limited Inventory Available



The OR6 is used to pull the downrigger weight in for re-rigging and will automatically remove stackers from the cable without cutting the pads.

### 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.

# IN LINE BOARD RIGGING OPTIONS

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A few inventive anglers have taken to mounting the Snapper not on the end of the tow arm, but rather in the middle of the tow arm with the tip of the release positioned just in front of the end of the tow arm. This rigging option shortens up the reach of the Snapper slightly and balances the board better for rough water running.

To rig the Snapper in the middle of the tow arm requires drilling a small hole in the middle of the tow arm, half way between the tip of the tow arm and the board. This simple step and unique rigging option can be accomplished in about a minute.

### THE RELEASE AND SLIDE METHOD

Anglers who stack several boards per side and also target big fish like striper or king salmon, find that the best rigging option for the OR12 is the release and slide method. Several different planer board releases can be incorporated into the release and slide method depending on what species is being targeted, trolling speed and of course wave conditions. The OR10 (yellow) is the lightest release suitable for smaller species like walleye, spring coho and inland trout. The OR14 (black) is a slightly firmer tension than the OR10 and is ideal for trophy sized walleye, browns and other smaller Great Lakes trout and salmon. The OR19 (orange) is a heavy tension release ideal for targeting larger fish like pike, muskie, king salmon and striper.

The desired release is mounted to the tow arm of the board. At the back of the board a snap swivel or pigtail (OR12P2) is mounted using a small screw in stud. The best location for adding the snap swivel is on the edge of the board near the top.

Rigged in this manner, the line can be popped free from the tow arm release and the board allowed to slide down the line via the snap swivel/pigtail. It's important with this rigging

option to place a barrel swivel and bead a few feet ahead of the lure to prevent the board from sliding all the way down to the fish.

It's also handy to know a trick or two for getting the line to release from the tow arm clip cleanly. Instead of simply placing the line between the rubber jaws of the release, take the line and wrap it around your finger four or five times to form a loop. Place the twisted line between the jaws of the release with the loop exposed on the top of the release.

Rigged in this manner it only takes a quick pop of the rod to pull the loop free and release the board. This little trick works amazingly well because it allows anglers to fish a heavier tension release that insures a better hook set without sacrificing the ability to trip the board when necessary.

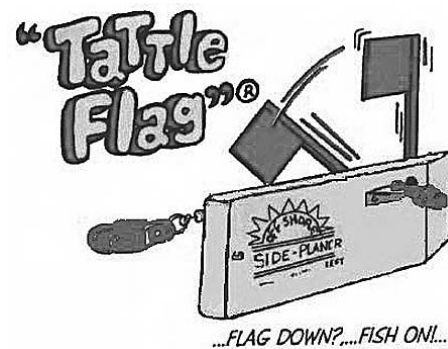
### THE TATTLE FLAG OPTION

The popular OR12TF Tattle Flag is perhaps the most unique of all the OR12 rigging options. Designed so the flag folds down when a fish bites, the Tattle Flag helps detect bites from small fish, trash fish and will even detect if a lure is fouled on weeds or other debris!

The Tattle Flag kit comes with all the necessary parts and clips to mount on the OR12 Side Planer. It takes about five minutes to complete the rigging which consists of an OR16 clip on the tow arm, a stainless steel linkage arm, stainless steel spring and OR16 clip attached to the rear of the linkage arm.

When using the Tattle Flag it's important to make sure there is adequate line between the tow arm release and the release mounted at the back of the linkage arm. About six inches of slack line is enough to allow the linkage system to move freely and the flag to fold down when a fish bites.

One of the little known benefits of the Tattle Flag is it



allows anglers to actually read the mood of fish. Often a fish will bite, the Tattle Flag will fold down and before the angler can reach the rod, the flag pops back up. What's happening is the fish has detected resistance and dropped the bait before being hooked.

If this happens, quickly free spool the board so it stalls in the water while the boat moves forward for a few yards. Next kick the reel back in gear and watch as the board shoots forward. Often this little hesitation is all it takes to trigger a savage strike!

### SUMMING IT UP

No matter how you choose to rig the OR12, you're equipped with the ultimate in line planer board. Because Off Shore Tackle offers so many rigging options, the Side Planer has quickly become the board all others are compared to. Off Shore Tackle Company LLC really is the "Leader in Trolling Technology".



Captain Jerry Snyder caught this 18 lb. Spring King Salmon on a DirtyWhite Boy Mag Stinger in front of Wilson Harbor in early June 2009.

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MODEL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PACKAGE	NUMBER OF PKGS. ORDERING	PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC SIDE PLANER BOARD PRODUCTS</b>					
OR34	Mini Planer Board; One Board...Dual Purpose...I'm Reversible	Pkg. of 1		\$17.95	
OR34B	Replacement Bracket For OR34	Pkg. of 2		\$2.80	
34SCR BE	Replacement 6/32 x 1/2 Screw For OR34	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
SS BE	Replacement Snap Swivel For OR34	Pkg. of 1		\$0.65	
OR12L	Side Planer Left	Pkg. of 1		\$38.40	
OR12R	Side Planer Right	Pkg. of 1		\$38.40	
OR12P2	Pigtail and Split Ring For OR12L, OR12R, OR31L, and OR31R	Pkg. of 2		\$3.10	
OR31L	Side Planer SST Left <i>(Limited Inventory Available)</i>	Pkg. of 1		\$38.40	
OR31R	Side Planer SST Right <i>(Limited Inventory Available)</i>	Pkg. of 1		\$38.40	
FLGSCR BE	Flag and 6/32 Screw	Pkg. of 1		\$3.35	
SCR BE	6/32 Screw For OR12L, OR12R, OR12TF, OR31L, and OR31R	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
NN BE	Nylon Nut	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
BRKT BE	Bracket With Two Pop Rivets	Pkg. of 1		\$2.95	
RVT BE	Pop Rivet	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
FOAM BE	Foam Insert For OR12 and OR31 Side Planers	Pkg. of 1		\$0.85	
TAB BE	Tab To Hold Foam Insert In and Two 6/32 Screws	Pkg. of 1		\$0.85	
BLSTSCR BE	Ballast Weight Screw	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
BLSTWGHT BE	Ballast Weight and 8 x 1/2 Screw (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 1		\$1.90	
OR32	Night Light 2 – Two Red Lights and Four Batteries <i>(Limited Inventory Available)</i>	Pkg. of 2		\$24.60	
BTRY BE	Replacement Battery For OR32's	Pkg. of 1		\$0.85	
OR12TF	Tattle Flag Upgrade Kit	Pkg. of 1		\$23.70	
ORS2	Tattle Flag Replacement Spring	Pkg. of 2		\$7.55	
WIRE BE	Tattle Flag Replacement Wire	Pkg. of 1		\$2.10	
NW BE	Tattle Flag Replacement Nylon Washer	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
SCREYE BE	Tattle Flag Replacement Screw Eye	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
SPLTRNG BE	Tattle Flag Replacement Split Ring	Pkg. of 1		\$0.15	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PLANER BOARD AND SIDE PLANER BOARD RELEASES</b>					
QC BE	Quick Clip	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
OR3	Light Tension, White With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 2		\$13.75	
OR3BWW	Light Tension, White With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 50		\$329.30	
OR17BWW	Medium Tension, Black With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 24		\$158.00	
OR30BWW	Heavy Tension, Red With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 6		\$47.40	
OR18	Snapper Adjustable Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$15.25	
OR10	Adjustable Light Tension, Yellow With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 4		\$19.30	
OR10BWW	Adjustable Light Tension, Yellow With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$469.90	
OR14	Adjustable Medium Tension, Black With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 4		\$19.30	
OR14BWW	Adjustable Medium Tension, Black With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$469.90	
OR19	Adjustable Heavy Tension, Orange With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 2		\$9.95	
OR19BWW	Adjustable Heavy Tension, Orange With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$469.90	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PRO WEIGHT PRODUCTS</b>					
OR20	Pro Weight System (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 1		\$40.90	
OR16	Extra Heavy Clip, Red With Split Ring	Pkg. of 2		\$11.50	
OR16BWW	Extra Heavy Clip, Red With Split Ring	Pkg. of 100		\$521.15	
OR20 1/2	1/2 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 3		\$3.25	
OR20 3/4	3/4 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 3		\$3.55	
OR20 1	1 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 3		\$4.00	
OR20 1 1/2	1 1/2 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 2		\$3.85	
OR20 2	2 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 2		\$4.00	
OR20 3	3 Ounce Replacement Guppy Weight (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 1		\$2.95	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC RESETTABLE DIVING WEIGHTS</b>					
OR36 1	Tadpole Size 1 (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 1		\$7.15	
OR36 2	Tadpole Size 2 (99.99% Lead Free)	Pkg. of 1		\$7.15	
CS BE	Coast Lock Snap	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC DOWNRIGGER WEIGHT RETRIEVER</b>					
OR6	Weight Retriever/Stacker Stripper Combo <i>Limited Inventory Available</i>	Pkg. of 1		\$20.45	
LNLC	Replacement Line Loc For OR6 <i>Limited Inventory Available</i>	Pkg. of 1		\$5.00	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC SINGLE DOWNRIGGER RELEASES</b>					
OR4	Light Tension, White	Pkg. of 1		\$9.70	
OR1	Medium Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$9.70	
OR8	Heavy Tension, Red	Pkg. of 1		\$13.65	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC STACKER DOWNRIGGER RELEASES</b>					
OR7	Light Tension, White	Pkg. of 1		\$15.80	
OR2	Medium Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$15.80	
<b>OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC REPLACEMENT PADS</b>					
ORRP8	Pads For OR1's, OR2's, OR3's, OR4's, OR7's, OR8's, OR17's, and OR30's	Pkg. of 8		\$3.20	
ORRP8SN	Pads For OR18's	Pkg. of 8		\$7.65	
ORRP16	Pads For OR10's, OR14's, and OR19's, Along With OR16's WITHOUT Pin Protruding Through The Center Of The Pad	Pkg. of 16		\$3.75	
ORRP16HL	Pads For OR16's WITH Pin Protruding Through The Center Of The Pad	Pkg. of 16		\$4.95	

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DCLSM	5" X 7" Yellow Decal With Black Logo	Pkg. of 1		\$0.50		
DCLLG	8 1/2" x 11" Yellow Decal With Black Logo	Pkg. of 1		\$1.00		
PTCH	White Patch With Yellow and Black Logo	Pkg. of 1		\$2.00		
HT	Yellow and Black Hat	Pkg. of 1		\$6.00		
LNVD	Lanyard With Line Clippers	Pkg. of 1		\$6.00		
TWL	Yellow Towel With Grommet and Hang Clip	Pkg. of 1		\$8.50		
PN	Yellow & Black Pen With Black Ink	Pkg. of 1		\$1.00		
FRSB	Yellow Frisbee With Black Print	Pkg. of 1		\$3.00		
CLR	Yellow Soft 6 Pack Cooler With Front Pocket and Black Silkscreen Logo	Pkg. of 1		\$5.00		
OYTSHRT	Yellow Short Sleeve T Shirt With Black Silkscreen Logo, 50/50 Blend, No Pocket	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$10.00		
OATSHRT	Ash Short Sleeve T Shirt With Black Silkscreen Logo, 50/50 Blend, No Pocket	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$8.50		
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$10.00		
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$11.50		
OASWSHRT	Ash Long Sleeve Sweatshirt With Black Silkscreen Logo, 50/50 Blend	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$12.50		
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$12.50		
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$12.50		
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$12.50		
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$15.00		
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$18.50		
OYPOLO	Yellow & Black Polo Short Sleeve, 60/40 Blend	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$22.00		
	With Black Embroidered Logo On Left Breast,	Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$22.00		
	No Pocket	Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$22.00		
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$22.00		
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$25.00		
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$28.00		
PRO	White, Gold, Grey & Black Short Sleeve Embroidered Custom	Small	Pkg. of 1	M	W	\$200.00
	Pro Shirt, No Pocket (Note this item has a 6-8 week delivery time)	Medium	Pkg. of 1	M	W	\$200.00
		Large	Pkg. of 1	M	W	\$200.00
	Our PRO custom embroidered shirt is available in both Men's (M) and Women's (W) sizes.	Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	M	W	\$200.00
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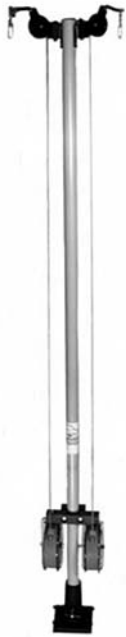
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## Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels With Aluminum Base, Deck Plate and Four Hold Down Knobs (Shown below)



Unit Includes:

- Aluminum Pulley Brackets
- 6' Linear Composite Mast
- Nylon Mounting Bracket
- Kachman Automatic 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 # DPMK**  
Has The Regular Base

• **Model # DPMKS**  
Has The Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMKSL**  
Has The Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMKSU**  
Has The Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMKSZ**  
Has The Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

## 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 Guide 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 Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

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

Unit Includes:

- Aluminum Pulley Brackets
- 6' Linear Composite Mast
- Nylon Mounting Block
- Aluminum Manual Retrieval Posi-Stop Reels
- 150' Fluorescent Orange 200# Planer Line
- Multidirectional Pulleys
- Stainless Steel Guide Bushings
- Two Off Shore OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Releases

This Unit Is Available in Different Base Options

• **Model # DPMP**  
Has The Regular Base

• **Model # DPMP S**  
Has The Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SL**  
Has The Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SU**  
Has The Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SZ**  
Has The 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

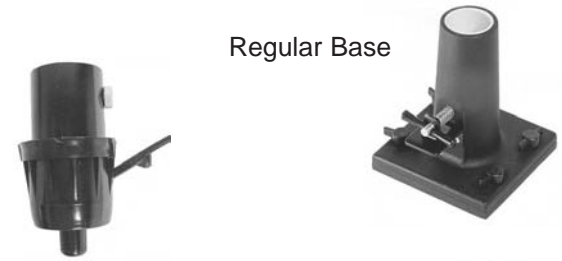
• **Model # DPMP SA**  
Has The Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SLA**  
Has The Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SUA**  
Has The Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

• **Model # DPMP SZA**  
Has The Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

## Base Options



Regular Base

Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount



Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount



Swivl-Eze 2 3/8" Seat Mount

## Track Mount For RCPK And RCWIRE

### Model # TM Track Mount

This 6" track permanently mounts to your, gunwale, hard top, fly bridge or radar arch of your boat. The RCPK or RCWIRE is mounted to the track's adapter and is easily put into use or removed.



## Planer Board Rail Clamp Mounts

### Model #RCPK Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels With Rail Clamp Mount

Unit Includes:

- Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels
- 150' Fluorescent Orange 200# Planer Line
- Aluminum Clamp Bracket That Fits 3/4" to 1 1/4" Rails





# Riviera Product Showcase



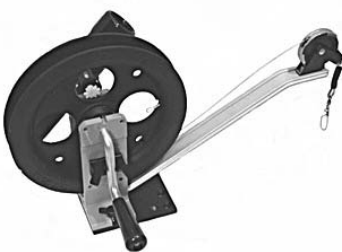
## Model #RCPP Aluminum Manual Retrieval Posi-Stop Reels

Unit Includes:

- Aluminum Manual Retrieval Posi-Stop Reels
- 150' Fluorescent Orange 200# Planer Line
- Aluminum Clamp Bracket That Fits 7/8" to 1" Rails



## Manual Downriggers



### Model # 300-15

Unit Includes:

- 15" Flat Arm
- 200' Of 150# Stainless Steel Wire
- Retermination Snap Swivel Assembly
- Deck Mounting Plate
- Two Hold Down Knobs
- Gear Driven Depth Meter
- Safety Clutch
- Rod Holder
- Off Shore Downrigger Release



### Model # 700

Unit Includes:

- 200' Of 150# Stainless Steel Wire
- Retermination Snap Swivel Assembly
- Deck Mounting Plate
- Swivel Base
- Four Hold Down Knobs
- Gear Driven Depth Meter
- Safety Clutch
- Dual Rod Holders
- Off Shore Downrigger Release

This Unit Is Available in Three Different Arm Lengths

**Model # 700-24**  
Comes With A 24" Arm  
(Shown above)

**Model # 700-48**  
Comes With A 48" Arm

**Model # 700-72**  
Comes With A 72" Arm

## Dual and Triple Planer Boards

### Model # DPB Dual Planer Board—Collapsible For Easy Storage



### Model # TPB Triple Planer Board—Collapsible For Easy Storage



The DPB's and TPB's are used in conjunction with a mast system. They are ballasted so the nose is slightly raised to cut through the waves easier and have a 3 position tow point to allow you to adapt to different water conditions instantly. To store, simply fold the outside board forward. Each board can be used on either port or starboard. A sample OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Release comes with each DPB; a sample OR30 Heavy Tension Planer Board Release comes with each TPB.



### Model # 500

Unit Includes:

- 200' Of 150# Stainless Steel Wire
- Retermination Snap Swivel Assembly
- Deck Mounting Plate
- Two Hold Down Knobs
- Gear Driven Depth Meter
- Safety Clutch
- Rod Holder
- Off Shore Downrigger Release

This Unit Is Available in Three Different Arm Lengths

**Model # 500-18**  
Comes With An 18" Arm (Shown above)

**Model # 500-30**  
Comes With A 30" Arm

**Model # 500-48**  
Comes With A 48" Arm

## Hand /Wire Line Reels



### Model # RCWIRE Kachman Automatic Retrieval Hand Line Reel Kit

Unit Includes:

- Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reel
- 200' Coated 60# Wire With Snap Swivel Termination
- 5' Pro Shank
- Aluminum Clamp Bracket That Fits 3/4"-1 1/4" Rails
- Tempress Rod Holder Adapter Replacement Parts Available

**Model # WGHT 1 1/4 Pound Weight**

**Model # SHNK 5' Pro Shank**

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# Order Blank

MODEL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PACKAGE	NUMBER OF PKGS. ORDERING	PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
<b>RIVIERA DUAL PLANER BOARD MASTS</b>					
DPMK	6' Composite Mast With Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels With Regular Base	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKS	Fits With Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSL	Fits With Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSU	Fits With Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSZ	Fits With Swivl-Eze 2-3/8" Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKA	7' Collapsible Aluminum Black Powder Coated Mast With Kachman Automatic Retrieval Reels With Regular Base	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSA	Fits With Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSLA	Fits With Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSUA	Fits With Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMKSZA	Fits With Swivl-Eze 2-3/8" Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$380.00	
DPMP	6' Composite Mast With Manual Posi-Stop Reels With Regular Base	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP S	Fits With Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SL	Fits With Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SU	Fits With Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SZ	Fits With Swivl-Eze 2-3/8" Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMPA	7' Collapsible Aluminum Black Powder Coated Mast With Manual Posi-Stop Reels With Regular Base	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SA	Fits With Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SLA	Fits With Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SUA	Fits With Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
DPMP SZA	Fits With Swivl-Eze 2-3/8" Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$270.00	
<b>RIVIERA TRACK MOUNT</b>					
TM	Track Mount For RCPK or RCWIRE	Pkg. of 1		\$49.00	
<b>RIVIERA PLANER BOARD RAIL CLAMP MOUNTS</b>					
RCPK	Kachman Automatic Retrieval Rail Clamp	Pkg. of 1		\$159.00	
RCPP	Manual Retrieval Rail Clamp With Aluminum Black Powder Coated Posi-Stop Reels	Pkg. of 1		\$89.00	
<b>RIVIERA DUAL AND TRIPLE PLANER BOARDS</b>					
DPB	Dual Planer Board - Collapsible For Easy Storage	Pkg. of 1		\$70.00	
TPB	Triple Planer Board - Collapsible For Easy Storage	Pkg. of 1		\$93.00	
<b>RIVIERA HAND LINE REELS</b>					
RCWIRE	Kachman Automatic Hand Line Reel With Rail Clamp Mount, Wire, Weight, Shank, and Rod Holder Adapter	Pkg. of 1		\$189.00	
WGHT	1 1/4 Pound Weight	Pkg. of 1		\$5.00	
SHNK	5' Pro Shank	Pkg. of 1		\$4.00	
<b>RIVIERA MANUAL RETRIEVAL DOWNRIGGERS</b>					
300-15	Model 300 With 15" Arm	Pkg. of 1		\$175.00	
500-18	Model 500 With 18" Arm	Pkg. of 1		\$190.00	
500-30	Model 500 With 30" Arm	Pkg. of 1		\$200.00	
500-48	Model 500 With 48" Arm	Pkg. of 1		\$210.00	
700-24	Model 700 With 24" Arm ANGLERS PAC	Pkg. of 1		\$285.00	
700-48	Model 700 With 48" Arm ANGLERS PAC	Pkg. of 1		\$290.00	
700-72	Model 700 With 72" Arm ANGLERS PAC	Pkg. of 1		\$295.00	

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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, BRUCE DESHANO



Greetings and I hope you enjoy this year's edition of the Off Shore Release. We have tried to bring new information and keep the basic product applications in this issue. There are many new items for 2010 and we are proud to bring them to the angler. First off, all

our products are now 99.99% lead free. The ballast in the Side Planers, the new Pro Weight System (formerly known as the Snap Weight System) with the newly designed Guppy Weights, and the all new Resettable Diving Weights (known as Tadpoles) have all been changed to be more eco friendly. These products are all explained in this paper and I am sure you, the angler, will show us even more uses.

We have been working for over two years to get these new products right, and we are the first company of our type to go GREEN with their products. It was expensive but we felt it necessary to do our part in keeping our environment cleaner. It is a small move and with all companies doing something to save the earth, together it will make a big difference.

I fished as a co-angler in a couple of the new AIM walleye tournaments this year. The Catch Record Release format is great. I had a lot of fun and fished with some great anglers. I feel this is the way tournaments will be held in the future. Check it out at [www.aimfishing.com](http://www.aimfishing.com). The live internet coverage and the support we had from other websites was great! Thanks to Juls Davis LaCourse for all the time she put in covering this and many other tournaments for Walleye Central. I am looking forward to fishing more of them next year. All the tournaments have made changes in their format and entry fees to help anglers during these tough economic times.

I went to Sweden again this year and Cory and I had a great time. No big zander (walleye) but we caught a lot of them using the new Guppy designed weights and running the OR34 Mini Planer. We spent some time with Bait Rigs bottom bouncers and spinners and found the fish like them too. Not many peo-

ple in Sweden fish with bottom bouncers. There are some really big fish there and one day I will catch the weather just right and have some nice photos of really big zander.

The boating industry is in disarray and it will probably be a few years away from being back on track. This has happened before and it will be worked out in time. I wish them luck because as their business grows so will Off Shore Tackle's.

We had many Pro Staff victories in the tournament trail this year and we had Todd Riley win a tournament in Minnesota (a one rod state) using Off Shore Side Planers. That shows you can win trolling boards in states like Minnesota. Thanks Todd! Tommy Skarlis won the first AIM tournament here in Saginaw Bay and Bret King won at Green Bay. Our products played a big part in these wins. All the Great Lakes tournaments have also been kind to us with most victories from anglers using Off Shore products.

We are going to have more information during the year on the new Tadpoles and how deep they go. Mark Romanack of Fishing 411 and Precision Angling will be keeping us up to date on the dive curves. Be sure to check his television program on the Sportsman Channel or on the web at [www.myoutdoorstv.com](http://www.myoutdoorstv.com).

As always, thank you for using Off Shore products and helping us make them better as well as more user friendly. We are always looking for new ideas so please send them to us and we will look at them all. I know there are a lot of anglers fishing our products different than we write about them and it is always great to hear these methods as we add them to the following years Off Shore Release in the form of tips. Also, we are updating our new website more often in 2010 to keep everyone informed as to what is happening at Off Shore Tackle.

Thank You, the angler, for your part in helping to keep Off Shore Tackle Company LLC "Your Leader In Trolling Technology". Have a Great 2010!

## ABOUT THE EDITOR

### MARK ROMANACK, OUTDOOR WRITER/TV HOST

Mark Romanack is a life long resident of Michigan and one of the region's most active outdoorsmen. A graduate of Northern Michigan University with a B.S. Degree in Conservation, Romanack has spent his entire career working in the outdoors helping others to better understand and appreciate our natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities.

His career started in 1981 as an Environmental Educator. While working as a naturalist, Romanack began to write outdoor articles part time to supplement his income. His first article was published by Michigan Out-of-Doors Magazine in 1983. After a few years this part time writing hobby grew into a full fledged writing career.

Romanack made the move to outdoor writing full time in 1986. Since that time he has published 11 different book titles on fishing including the wildly popular Precision Trolling depth guide series which he continues to research, write and publish. His freelance writing efforts and photography have been published in dozens of local, regional and national outdoor periodicals. Romanack has been an active member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America since 1988.

In addition to writing and photography, Romanack has become a sought after public speaker. Considered one of the nation's foremost authorities on the topic of walleye



fishing and open water trolling methods, many of Romanack's books have been dedicated to sharing his intimate knowledge of these topics.

In 2007 Romanack took on the hosting/field production responsibilities for a new television series called Off Shore Tackle's, Fishing 411 that broadcasts nationwide on the Sportsman Channel to an estimated 20 million homes. Currently filming a fourth season, Fishing 411 has grown rapidly in both distribution and popularity.

Romanack resides in Northern Michigan with his wife Mari and sons Zackery and Jacob. Mark can be reached via e-mail at [mark@fishing411.net](mailto:mark@fishing411.net).

# COMPANY MISSION STATEMENT

*Our company's foundation is based on presenting products to the consumer that result in a more productive fishing experience by using the best materials available that are as eco friendly as possible. We have always set our standard's high for our consumers to have the best results. Our products are "Often Imitated but Never Duplicated." This is why Off Shore Tackle Company LLC remains, "Your Leader in Trolling Technology."*

## WHAT IS FEDERAL EXCISE TAX AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

BY LARRY HARTWICK

I would guess that most anglers have never heard of a 720 Excise Tax form. What is it and why should you care?

The 720 Excise Tax is paid on the sales of all fishing tackle, rods, reels, terminal tackle, planer masts etc. From the initial sale price, 10% of the money from that sale goes directly to the Federal government. This money is earmarked for fishing and is directly responsible for funding a ton of projects that benefit, you the angler. In short, as you purchase products from legitimate retailers, you are indirectly helping your sport of fishing.

You should also be aware that there are companies operating that DO NOT pay Excise Tax even though everyone that produces and sells fishing tackle is REQUIRED TO PAY BY LAW. This law includes ANYONE making tackle out of their basement or garage for sale, is liable. So be aware that the good deal you might be getting, might actually be hurting your sport. We all could lower prices if we didn't have to make quarterly payments but you wouldn't have most of the harbor facilities that we enjoy today!



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