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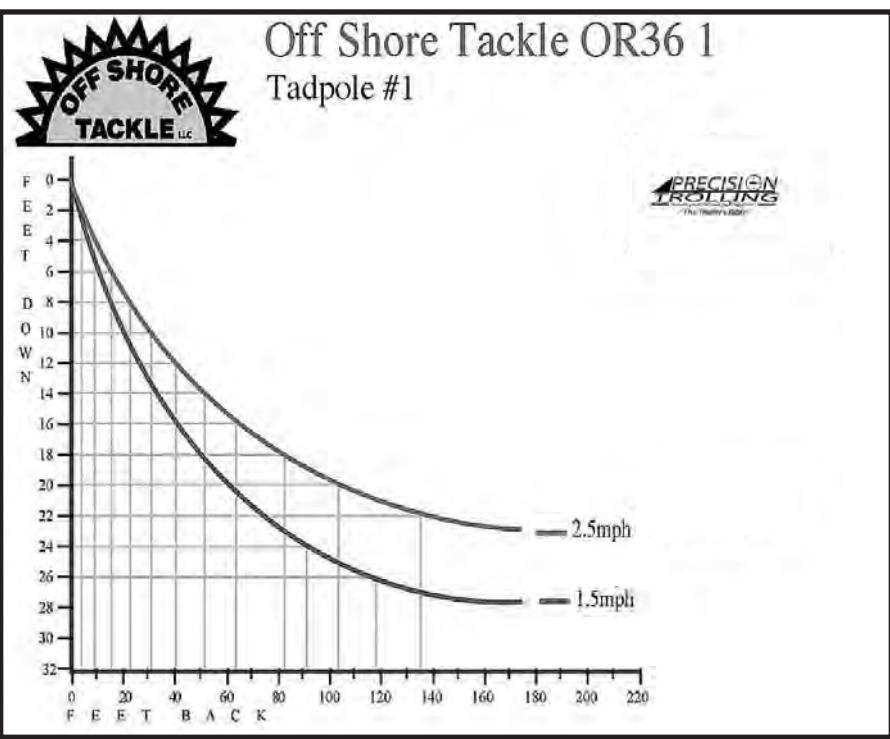
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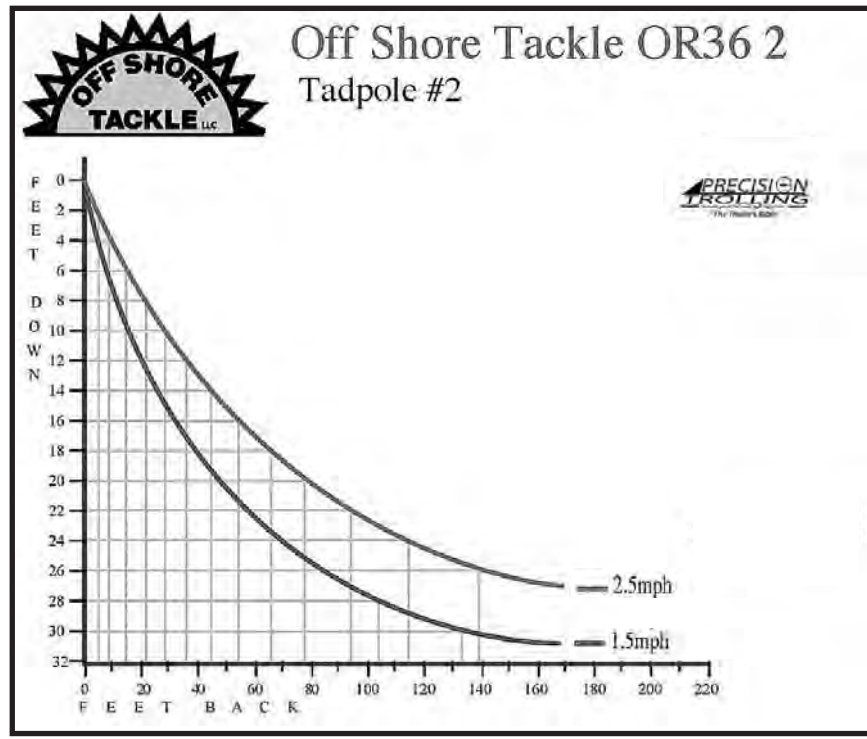


TADPOLE TRICKS

Off Shore Tackle OR36 1
Tadpole #1



Off Shore Tackle OR36 2
Tadpole #2



BY BOB HANKO

Owner of Cranberry Creek Marina in Huron, Ohio

Recently I had the opportunity to field test the new Off Shore Tackle OR36 1 and the OR36 2 Resettable Diving In Line Weight, AKA the Tadpole. It didn't take long to discover the Tadpole is easy to rig and amazingly effective. Start by attaching the Tadpole to your line with a small snap clipped over the "L" shaped tow arm and add your favorite crawler harness to the snap swivel on the back of the Tadpole.

To fish the Tadpole, place it in the water, check to be sure the harness is spinning properly and then give the Tadpole a little slack line. Slack line allows the snap to pull into the corner of the tow arm, causing the Tadpole to dive like a crankbait. I suggest using the bait clicker on your line counter reel to slowly play out line until the desired lead length is reached.

Because it dives like a crankbait, the Tadpole reaches a much deeper depth than a similar sized keel sinker. This feature allows anglers to reach more fish and also to troll with shorter lead lengths.

Once set, the Tadpole can be trolled as a flat line or rigged in combination with in line boards or dual board mast systems to gain outward coverage. When a fish is hooked, the snap slides to the front of the Tadpole, negating the diving ability and causing the Tadpole to rise in the water. When fighting a fish hooked on a Tadpole you only feel the resistance of the fish.

The simple and literally fool proof function of the Tadpole makes it the ideal choice for trolling crawler harnesses at speeds from 1 to 2 mph and spoons at speeds of 1.5 to 3 mph. The Tadpole can also be used to troll shallow diving crankbaits.

The "Tadpole Dive Curve" provided here courtesy of Precision Angling will help anglers target suspended walleye and other species at the most common trolling speeds. Currently available in No. 1 and No. 2 sizes; watch for new sizes of the Tadpole to be introduced soon.

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WHAT LINE IS BEST FOR PLANER BOARD FISHING?

In general, monofilament is the most popular and practical line choice for most planer board fishing applications. The vast majority of line releases are designed to function with monofilament, taking into consideration the controlled amount of stretch monofilament lines feature. Low stretch braids or fused lines create problems because the surface of these lines are rather slick and hard to grasp in the rubber jaws of line releases. Braided and fused lines can actually cut and quickly destroy the rubber pads, lending the releases useless. There are options however for anglers who choose to planer board troll using low stretch line types, but first let's discuss using monofilament lines in a little more detail.

MAST SYSTEMS

When trolling a mast system for smaller species including walleye or brown trout, monofilament in the 10 to 15 pound test range is ideal. For larger species like salmon or stripers, 17 to 25 pound test is recommended. Bury the line deep between the rubber pads of the release and insist on premium lines made with trolling in mind. Many monofilaments are extra limp and designed for casting. Typically the abrasion resistance of these lines is lacking, making them a poor choice for trolling applications.

A few trollers use super braid line in combination with mast systems. Because the low stretch super braids do not function well with traditional line releases, we recommend half hitch rigging a rubber band onto the braided line at the desired lead length and then putting the rubber band into the jaws of the line release. This option works well for both braided and fused fishing lines. The same rubber band trick outlined above can also be used when fishing super braid lines in combination with in line boards. The most popular super braid lines are 30 or 40 pound test lines that feature 8 to 10 pound test diameters.

IN LINE BOARDS



Similar recommendations apply when using in line boards. Monofilament is by and large the best option for fishing in line boards. On occasion when targeting fish in deeper water, super braid lines can be applied to in line boards. We recommend using the after market OR18 Snapper line release on the tow arm of the OR12 Side Planer board. This cam style release is designed with a set screw that firmly holds both braid and fused lines.

FLUOROCARBON OPTIONS

For most applications, monofilament line is the clear choice for planer board fishing. Fluorocarbon line which has properties similar to monofilament is a good substitute. The biggest advantage of fluorocarbon is the low visibility in water. The biggest disadvantage is the increased cost compared to monofilament.

OR34 CRAPPIE TRICKS

BY TONY PUCCIO
Pro Staffer and owner
of Bait Rigs Tackle

The OR34 Mini Planer is easy to use, adapts to just about any fishing rod & reel and does an excellent job of getting fishing lures and baits out away from the boat. One of my favorite ways to use the OR34 is to target crappie by drift fishing small jigs tipped with grub bodies or minnows. I simply make a long cast with the jig and then attach the OR34 Mini Planer on the line using an OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip mounted on the tow arm of the board. Next I drop the board in the water and as the boat drifts allow line to play off the reel. The board will carry the jig out to the side a few yards, expanding my reach and allowing me to rig up a couple lines on each side of the boat.

The Mini Planer frees up my hands to cast another rod. In most states anglers are allowed to fish with multiple rods and the Mini Planer helps keep those lines out away from the boat to reduce tangles and increase the chances of contacting fish.

When a crappie or other panfish grabs the jig, the little Mini Planer telegraphs the strike. I simply reel in the fish and board together. When the board reaches the rod tip, I take a second to remove it and then continue fighting the fish to the boat.



Tony Puccio, right, holds some jumbo perch caught while filming a TV segment for Fishing 411 with Mark Romanack. Tony often uses Mini Planers to target panfish including crappie, bluegill and even perch like these.

Drift fishing with jigs and the Mini Planer is an awesome way to target crappie which often suspend in the water column. Drifting along weed lines or over the top of submerged tree tops are other ways to use Mini Planers to catch more crappie, panfish and even bass.

SHARP HOOKS

BY LARRY HARTWICK

It's easy to overlook the little things that can turn into big things. Hook sharpening is one of these things. In the age of laser sharpened hooks and just generally much sharper out of the package hooks, it's easy to overlook something this simple.

We make it a habit of checking hook sharpness EVERY time a lure goes into the water. A couple extra seconds can literally pay off. A couple manufacturers sell hook files with plastic handles attached. These work well but are a little coarser than I prefer, so about every year a trip to the hardware store yields a couple 4" mill bastard files and wood handles for them. Why two? So we can always find one of them. File toward the tip making a triangle.

Sharp hook = better hook ups = more fish in the boat. I can already taste the beer battered walleye filets!

KEEPING WEEDS IN CHECK

BY TOMMY SKARLIS
Pro Staffer

Trolling among weeds is always a challenge. To help keep weeds from catching on the line and eventually fouling my lures, I pinch an OR10 planer board release onto the line about 10 feet ahead of my lure. This trick works wonders for keeping floating weeds in check. Check your lines often however; eventually enough weeds will catch on the OR10 that lure depth will be impacted.

SPRING ZANDER

BY CORY SYMOENS
European Pro Staffer

Zander are not only closely related to the walleye of North America but their habitat preferences and daily feeding habits are amazingly similar. In the spring immediately following the spawn, adult zander drift out of the shallows and into deep water. Zander, like walleye often suspend during the post-spawn, feeding on meals of opportunity.

Oversized crankbaits like the 700 and 800 series Reef Runner are among the best lures for targeting both zander and walleye. In early spring the average size of forage minnows is large and predators become accustomed to targeting adult sized minnows.

The subtle top-to-bottom rolling action of these Reef Runner baits produces excellent action at a wide range of trolling speeds, making them a top choice for open water trolling applications.

Both the 700 and 800 series lures are deadly on zander and walleye, but to get the most from these lures I insist on fishing them in combination with the Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer. I recommend fishing at least two boards per side and generally run the shallow diving lures on the outside of the planer board spread and the deeper lures on the inside. This configuration puts the lures running higher in the water column further from the boat, helping to reduce the chances of the boat spooking fish.

I also troll using a lazy “S” turn strategy. The turns help by suddenly changing the lure running direction, triggering strikes in the process from following fish. Turns also change lure trolling speeds further working to trigger strikes and helping to determine the best overall trolling speed.

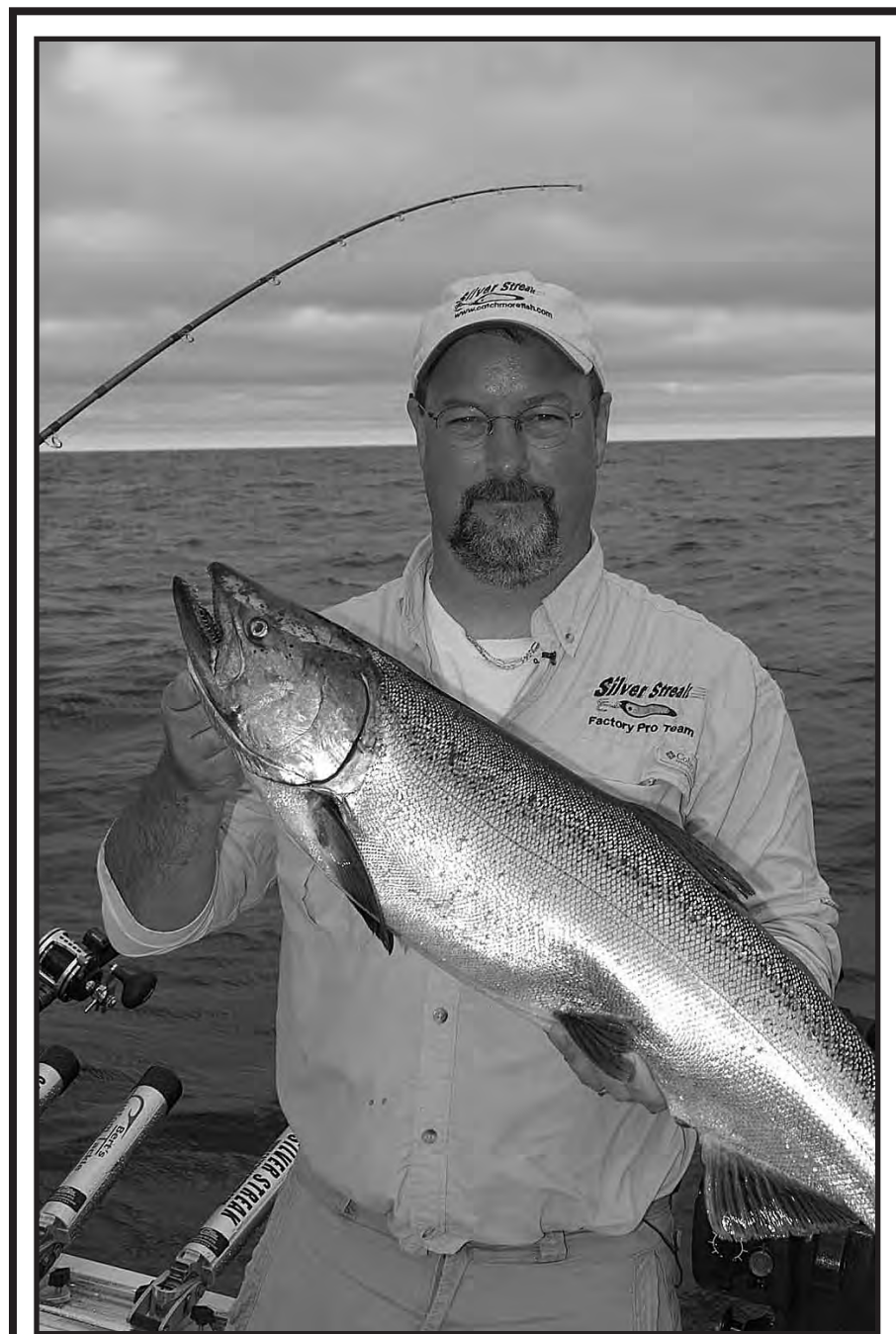
With my first few trolling passes, I concentrate on areas I know from past experience hold fish. If these areas don't produce, I quickly branch out hunting for fish.

One of the biggest advantages of trolling is the ability to cover water quickly and thoroughly. It's also important to note that trolling puts lures in the strike zone and keeps them there 100% of the time.

When I begin marking fish at specific depths, I then consult my Precision Trolling

book to determine the correct lead length that will allow my lures to achieve those depths. The combination of using the Precision Trolling guide to target specific depths and Off Shore Tackle Side Planers to present lures out away from the boat is amazingly effective.

Cory Symoens of Sweden poses with a magnificent zander over 16 pounds! Using trolling methods popularized in North America, Cory routinely lands trophy zander and pike all across Europe. Great job Cory.



Heavy Tension releases like the Off Shore Tackle OR-8 Downrigger Release are ideal for targeting salmon with rotators, dodgers, flashers and other attractors that have lots of resistance in the water.

HEAVY TENSION RELEASES

BY MARK ROMANACK

Off Shore Tackle offers a wide selection of line releases designed to function flawlessly at a wealth of fishing presentations. Two of the most unique releases in the line up include the OR8 Heavy Tension Downrigger Release and the OR30BWW Heavy Tension Planer Board Release. Both products feature the same Heavy Tension Release simply rigged in a different manner.

The OR8 features a coated steel leader and is ideal for downrigger fishing in saltwater or when fishing in fresh water with rigs that create a lot of resistance in the water. I fish the OR8 on downriggers when using flashers, dodgers, rotators or other attractors commonly used to target Great Lakes salmon. The extra tension of these releases guarantees a solid hook set and eliminates false releases when fishing at high speeds or in deep water.

I recommend using 25 to 30 pound test when fishing rotators and fluorocarbon lines are always a good idea when trolling for trout and salmon.

The OR30BWW is perfect for targeting toothy saltwater and freshwater species on dual and triple planer board mast systems. The extra tension helps to drive the hooks home in musky, barracuda and other exceptionally tough to hook species. Designed to hold fast when trolling at speeds up to 8 knots, the OR30BWW is the top choice for targeting big and tough fish while planer board trolling.

For most saltwater and heavy duty freshwater trolling applications 40 or 50 pound test monofilament or fluorocarbon line is recommended.

THE ONE AND ONLY SIDE PLANER

BY MARK ROMANACK

The Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer is the ultimate in line board. The question becomes, what makes this popular trolling aid so popular among countless anglers all over North America?

In a word, versatility is what makes the Side Planer so popular. This unique in line board can be rigged a multitude of ways and with a wealth of different releases making this single board ideal for trolling almost anything that swims in fresh or saltwater.

The factory rigging option features an OR19 Adjustable Heavy Tension Planer Board Release (orange) on the tow arm and also at the back of the board. This popular walleye rigging method insures that the Side Planer will stay firmly on the line even when fighting trophy class fish. Like other Off Shore Tackle line releases, the OR19 can be adjusted for tension by simply sliding the spring toward the pads to increase tension or away from the pads to reduce tension.

Those anglers who fish with super braid lines can substitute the OR19 on the tow arm for the OR18 Snapper which is designed to handle both fused and braided lines. In fact, the Snapper will handle all line types including monofilament, fused lines, braids and fluorocarbon.



Mark Romanack helped design the OR12 Side Planer nearly 20 years ago and continues to fish this product religiously for walleye, pike, trout, salmon and stripers. No other in line planer board is as versatile or effective as the legendary Side Planer by Off Shore Tackle.

Anglers who want to rig the OR12 to release when a strike occurs should consider the OR10 Adjustable Light Tension Planer Board Release (yellow) or the OR14 Adjustable Medium Tension Planer Board Release (black) options. Depending on the size of fish targeted, one of these line releases mounted on the tow arm enables the angler to trip the line free when a fish is hooked, leaving the board attached to the line only by the rear mount-

ed OR19. This rigging option allows multiple boards to be fished per side, without the need to clear lines when fighting fish.

Our OR12 Side Planer can be fished in the daylight or trolled at night. It can be fished in fresh or saltwater. It works with virtually any lure that can be trolled. It can be fished with live bait or artificial lures. It can be fished fast or slow. It can be rigged to stay on the line or to release and slide down the line. These amazing boards can be fished with literally any line type or diameter and most of all the OR12 Side Planer targets fish out away from the boat that other trolling methods miss.

It's little wonder that the little yellow planer board with the bright orange flag has become the overwhelming favorite of trollers everywhere. One board does it all and does it well. What more could any angler ask of an in line planer board? Just ask for the Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer.

PUMPING BOARDS

BY TOMMY SKARLIS
Pro Staffer

When fishing is slow, I like to pump my OR12 Side Planers to stimulate strikes from walleye that may be following the bait, but not feeding. I simply grab the rod from my rod holder and sweep the rod tip forward a few feet and then let the board drop back on slack line to it's original position. Another option is to keep the rod in the holder and reel in the board a few feet and then engage the reel clicker and allow the board to work back out again. Either way, pumping your boards works magic on getting following fish to strike.

PLANER BOARD MAINTENANCE

BY LARRY HARTWICK

Planer boards are extremely easy to maintain and are usually trouble free if they are properly handled and stored; this includes the Off Shore OR12 Side Planer in line boards and the Riviera Dual (DPB) and Triple (TPB) full size planer boards that use expanded foam flotation.

It is very important that care be taken when storing all of your planer boards to prevent any cleaning chemicals and solvents such as gasoline or battery acid to contact the foam flotation. Contact with your planer boards will more than likely compromise the flotation qualities and the board will not perform correctly. Solvents, including the use of bright colored paint, will instantly kill any flotation properties.

You also need to keep your planer boards away from areas that don't protect the foam on the boards as when damage occurs to the foam, it hastens the life of the foam inserts and its performance.

On the Riviera DPB's and TPB's, be sure to open and close them in the proper direction (as we have labeled them) so you don't break the arms. Be sure to take a quick peek each time you set them out or bring them to make sure that you are not trying to fold them the opposite direction.

The good news is that if you have done any of the above, they can be repaired at a reasonable cost. If you need repairs, fall and winter time is the best time for a fast turn around.

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YOUTH FISHING LICENSES A GOOD IDEA

BY MARK ROMANACK

The idea of making kids buy fishing licenses doesn't exactly excite me. I've made a point of introducing both my sons to fishing and I've also shared my fishing boat with countless other young people. I'm a firm believer that in order to get kids involved in the outdoors, we need to make it easy and affordable.

That stated, I've come to the conclusion that the voluntary Youth Fishing License being offered by the state of Michigan is not only a good idea it makes good fiscal sense as well. Youth under the age of 17 are not required to have a fishing license in Michigan and most other states. The voluntary Youth Fishing License is just \$1.00, but it nets the state of Michigan over \$8.00 in Dingle-Johnson funds. All fishing related goods are levied with a 10% excise tax that goes directly back to Uncle Sam and is regulated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These funds are in turn returned back to the states based on.... you guessed it, the number of fishing licenses sold in a particular state. These funds are also earmarked for fisheries management and development projects and don't enter the general fund of the DNRE.

By encouraging parents to purchase their kids a youth fishing license, we're insuring that the maximum amount of tax dollars come home to Michigan, supporting our fisheries and insuring better angling for tomorrow.

Other states have similar programs. While at first blush the idea of buying a kid a fishing license may not seem like good sense. It makes both dollars and sense for managing our freshwater fishing resources.



The Voluntary Youth Fishing License priced at \$1 nets Michigan up to \$8 of Dingle-Johnson tax money. Michigan residents can capture a huge chunk of these available funds by simply investing in the Youth Fishing License for their kids.

GUPPY IN LINE OR PRO SNAP WEIGHT?

BY TOMMY SKARLIS
Pro Staffer

The Off Shore Tackle Guppy Weights can be rigged as either in line weights or attached to an OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip. Both methods work well, but sometimes one option produces better than the other.

Any time I'm fishing a Guppy Weight, I rig up lines with both the in line and Pro Snap Weight options. It's amazing how often that one rigging method will out produce the other and even more amazing how the hot set up changes from day to day. The moral of the story is to fish both and let the fish decide which is better on any given day.

TATTLE FLAG TENSION

BY TOMMY SKARLIS
Pro Staffer

The OR12TF Tattle Flag helps anglers detect strikes and also tells when a small fish has been hooked or the bait fouled on weeds and other debris. The flag tension can be adjusted by positioning the spring in the various holes drilled along the leading edge of the OR12 Side Planer. Carefully paying attention to flag tension can also help anglers detect a "push strike". Often a walleye or other fish will swim up from behind the lure, eat it and continue swimming in the direction the boat is moving. If your OR12TF Tattle Flag tension set so the flag is tilted back a few degrees while trolling, the flag will pop forward when a push strike occurs. This tips off the angler that a strike has occurred even before the flag pulls down or the board moves.

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HAVE YOUR BOAT READY TO FISH

BY BRIAN WISENBAUGH

Prior to backing my boat into the launch, I get my gear ready. I extend the 7' Riviera Automatic Planer Mast and attach my Riviera Triple Planer Boards, nets are placed in their holders, the marine radio antenna is extended, rods are placed in the rod holders and even my Off Shore releases and tackle that I am going to use are put in place so they are easily accessible.

Doing all of this allows me to launch quickly so I am ready to fish the moment I get to my favorite fishing spots (not to mention that the launch isn't tied up for other anglers to use for very long). Being prepared before you fish makes it less stressful when you're on the water and also makes it much more enjoyable when trying to get around the boat. (Before I head in, I put everything away that I can as this will once again save time at the launch and get me on my way to enjoy my fresh catch)!

DOWNRIGGER MAINTENANCE

BY LARRY HARTWICK

One frequently asked question is, "What do I need to do to maintain my Riviera Downriggers"? Unlike a lot of various pieces of equipment that we get accustomed to maintaining on a yearly basis, downriggers require very little if any maintenance.

The only areas that can use ANY lubrication are the end pulley assemblies and possibly the swivel bases. The

use of any type of lubrication around the crank on a manual unit or the gear and shaft of an electric unit will cause the lube to migrate into the clutch making it inoperable. Yes, if your Riviera unit has a plastic wheel that holds the cable, it does have a clutch whether you are aware of it or not. Most, if not all, clutch failures (inability to hold a weight or retrieve a weight) are a direct result of a super lube being sprayed on the shaft. The only cure is disassembly and replacement of the clutch parts and cleaning of the shaft. If your Riviera unit suffers from this condition it can be repaired at a reasonable cost.



MINI PLANER BOARD RIGGING



Rob Schultz of G & S Marina on Last Mountain Lake in Saskatchewan used an Off Shore Tackle Mini-Board to catch this trophy class northern pike. Board trolling with shallow diving crankbaits is one of the most productive ways to target pike in the spring and fall when these fish are in shallow water.

BY MARK ROMANACK

The Off Shore Tackle OR34 Mini Planer Board can be rigged a number of ways with different releases depending on fishing methods, the species being targeted and the

lures being used. Recently when targeting trophy pike on Last Mountain Lake in Saskatchewan, I rigged the OR10 Light Tension Planer Board Release (that comes standard in the package) on the tow arm and the heavier OR19 tension release at the back of the board. When a fish would strike, a quick jerk of the rod top popped the line free from the tow arm and allowed the board to remain on the line via the OR19 release at the back of the board. This rigging option allowed us to stack two or three lines per side of the boat without fear that a hooked fish could run into and tangle other lines.

It's a simple step to remove the board from the line as the fish is being fought to the boat. This rigging method allows the angler to fight the fish without the resistance of the board.

Another rigging option is to rig the board to release and slide down the line via the factory provided snap swivel. The OR10 light tension release is ideal for tripping the board once a fish strikes. At the back of the board rig a heavy duty snap swivel that is also clipped over the line. Once the front release pops free, the board begins to slide down the line towards the lure.

I like to use a 10 mm bead in front of a barrel swivel to prevent the board from sliding all the way to the lure. Not only does this rigging method prevent the board from hitting the fish, it allows me a convenient means of adding a fluorocarbon leader at the terminal end.

For toothy creatures like pike and muskie, I recommend a 50 or 65 pound test fluorocarbon leader. For salmon and striper 20 pound test fluorocarbon is ideal and for walleye or trout 12 to 15 pound test leader is perfect.

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*Answers can be
 found on page 9.*



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TROLLING RIP RAP OR ROCKY SHORELINES

BY TOMMY SKARLIS
Pro Staffer

Both rip rap and rocky shorelines routinely hold walleye, but the exact location of these fish changes from day to day and even hour to hour. Trolling is the only practical way to locate fish quickly and I favor a floating/diving style crankbait fished behind an Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer or OR34 Mini Planer Board.

Once I've hooked a fish, I save the location in my GPS and made a mental note of any landmarks along the shore. Next I'll go back and fish the same area again, but this time casting a crankbait like the Lindy Shadling or pitching a jig to the waypoint and the adjacent water. Often the slower and more methodical casting approach produces bonus bites.



TOURNAMENT FISHING MENTALITY

BY BRIAN WISENBAUGH

When finding crew members for tournaments, be sure you can all get along even when things go wrong.

Several years ago when fishing a local tournament, one of our crew members lost the first five or six fish that he hooked up. These were wild spring kings and the rest of the crew knew that it wasn't his fault. As a crew, you work together to try to find solutions to what may be causing the problem. In this case, the boat speed could have been the issue leading to a short bite.

We ended up winning the tournament, but I believe that the best thing we learned was not to lose our cool. I have been on other boats in the past where things have gotten hot. This just led to more mistakes as we put more pressure on each other.

No one wants to lose a tournament. Don't relive the fish that got away. Move on and you may boat a bigger fish on the next pass.



HOW FAR OUT TO THE SIDE CAN I RUN IN LINE BOARDS?

The distance away from the boat an in line board is fished depends upon wave conditions, the direction the boat is being trolled and also what type of lures or rigs are being fished.

In calm seas the OR12 Side Planer can be fished out to side of the boat 100 to 150 feet, providing maximum lure coverage.

In rough seas it's not practical or necessary to set in line boards out further than 75 or 80 feet. When fishing in a following sea (downwind) in line boards will track nicely in seas up to five or six feet. When trolling in a facing sea (upwind), in line boards function best in seas less than four feet.

Deep diving lures, snap weights and other trolling gear that have lots of resistance in the water cause the planer board to lose some of it's outward tracking ability. In general, it's a good idea to fish deep diving lures or heavy gear closer to the boat or in a following sea.

The OR34 Mini Board is not designed for fishing in rough water. This ultra light board has no ballast and is not suited to running in rough water or into a facing sea. The OR34 functions well when fishing in a following sea or calm sea conditions.

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- 1- 6/32 x 1/2" Screw
- Instructions



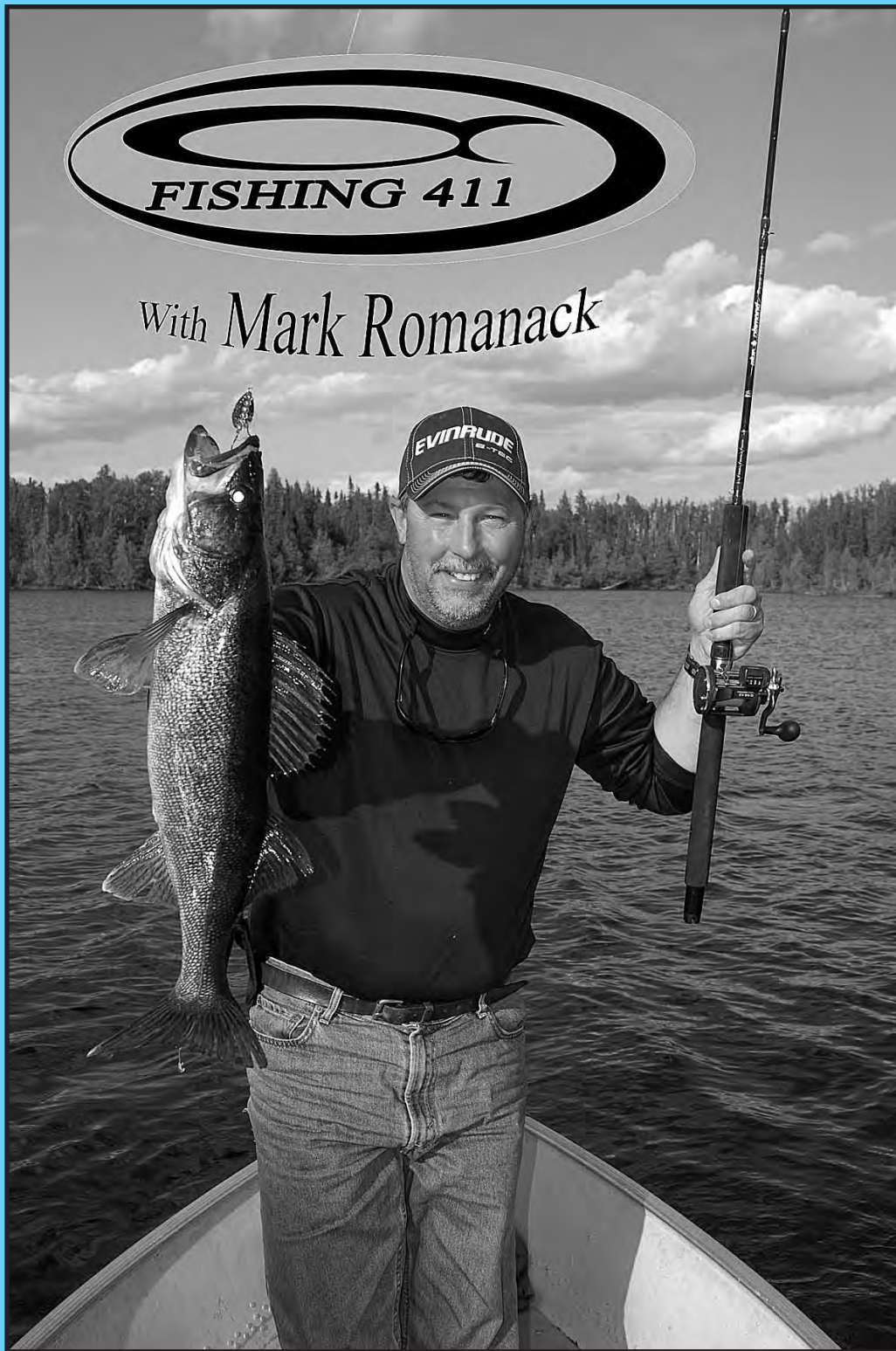
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With Mark Romanack

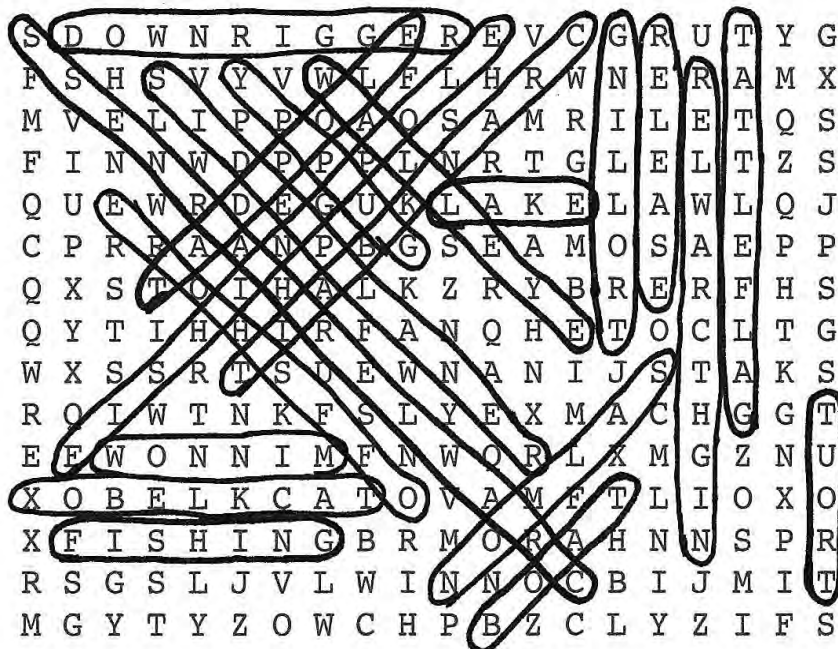


Mark Romanack is a life long angler and a 25 year veteran of the fishing industry. He started his career as a freelance outdoor writer then soon expanded to publishing fishing books and to date has authored 13 titles. In 1991 he co-authored Precision Trolling, "The Troller's Bible", and in the nearly 20 years that has passed since has become recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities and advocates of open water trolling.

In 2007 Mark expanded his media reach once again with the television show, Fishing 411, which broadcasts on the Sportsman Channel during the first and second quarters of the year on Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. It's true that trolling is Romanack's first love, but he is an ardent supporter of all things fishing.



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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 stationary flag, two OR19 releases, instructions and is carefully balanced to run flawlessly in rough water off of your rod line. Ideal for Walleye and most fresh water fish.

Replacement Parts Available For The OR12 Side Planer

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



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. 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 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 ProSnap 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 Pro Guppy Weights



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

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

Model # OR20 1
1 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

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

Model # OR20 2
2 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight

Model # OR20 3
3 Ounce Pro Guppy Weight



Resettable Diving Weights

Model #OR36 1
Tadpole Size 1

Model #OR36 2
Tadpole Size 2

Model #CS BE
Coast Lock Snap

Downrigger Releases

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

Model # OR4
Light Tension Single Downrigger Release, White



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

Model # OR1
Medium Tension Single Downrigger Release, Black



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

Model # OR8
Heavy Tension Single Downrigger Release, Red



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

Model # OR7
Light Tension Stacker Downrigger Release, White



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

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 # DCLLG



Model # PTCH



Model # HT



Model # LYND



Model # TWL



Model # PN



Model # FRSB



Model # OYTSHRT



Model # OATSHRT



Model # OASWSHRT



Model # OYPOLO



Model # OBHSWSHRT (frontside)



Model # OBHSWSHRT (backside)



Model # PRO (frontside)



Model # PRO (backside)

PLANER MAST DONT'S OR WHAT NOT TO DO

BY LARRY HARTWICK

Every year I am amazed at the amount of misinformation that freely flows via the internet as well as in printed material. While I'm sure that none of this is malicious in nature, I will rule it as merely, misinformed. Don't get me wrong, I love the internet as opposed to the way we used to have to obtain information; getting answers in seconds is pretty cool as long as they are accurate answers.

Every year someone has a better solution for line to use on planer board masts. The underlying problem is that one manufacturer of planer line makes line that is less than desirable. This of course leads anglers to search for alternatives that won't cause lost release clips and wasted fishing time. Tabloids have touted the use of monofilament, weed trimmer line, and braided super lines (mainly Spectra).

Monofilament will destroy a plastic spool because absorbs water and as it dries it creates

TONS of pressure to the spool. Good bye spool. Weed trimmer line has no memory so it creates less pressure but oxidizes so badly that release clips don't slide well after short exposure to sunlight.

The braided lines are my favorite subject; 500 pound test Spectra is the same as putting 1/4" nylon rope on your mast. If you NEED it to break, tough luck! You can create some serious damage to your boat, yourself, and any passengers. **DO NOT USE IT ON MASTS OR DOWNRIGGERS!** The line or cable on masts and downriggers is required to be able to break at a certain point for safety reasons.

Riviera uses 200 pound pre-stretched high quality Dacron planer line on all of our planer masts when the industry standard is 135 pound test. If what you are pulling creates enough drag to break that line, the problem lies in what is being towed. A lot of these choices are less money than the 200 pound test line that we are using; if it was better, we would use it.

MINI AND SIDE PLANER BOARD RELEASE MAINTENANCE

BY TOMMY SKARLIS

Pro Staffer

The Off Shore Tackle OR12 Side Planer and OR34 Mini Planer Boards are ideal for a wealth of trolling situations. Over time these boards need maintenance checks to keep them functioning flawlessly. Depending on how much they are used, the rubber pads in the line releases will wear out and need to be replaced every couple years. Replacement pads are available for all Off Shore Tackle releases for a nominal fee. Normally the release on the tow arm wears out first. Try switching this release with the one mounted on the back of the board. Once both the front and back releases have been worn out, replace the pads or replace the releases.

Don't throw away the releases with worn out pads. These make great weed fishing aids. Clip the worn out releases on the line ahead of your lures to keep floating weeds from fouling the baits.

ALWAYS THERE TO HELP



Frank Majdecki, Renee, Nick, and Bruce DeShano. Photo provided by Captain Jerry Cox.

Our staff is always happy to assist you in picking out the exact Off Shore Tackle products you need. Be sure to stop by our display at your local sport fishing shows or tournament sites to have your questions answered by our knowledgeable staff.

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."

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MODEL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PACKAGE	NUMBER OF PKGS. ORDERING	PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC SIDE PLANER BOARD PRODUCTS					
OR34	Mini Planer Board; One Board...Dual Purpose...I'm Reversible	Pkg. of 1		\$17.15	
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 and OR12R	Pkg. of 2		\$3.75	
FLGSCR BE	Flag and 6/32 Screw	Pkg. of 1		\$3.35	
SCR BE	6/32 Screw For OR12L, OR12R, and OR12TF	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
NN BE	Nylon Nut	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
BRKT BE	Bracket With Two Pop Rivets For OR12L and OR12R	Pkg. of 1		\$2.95	
RVT BE	Pop Rivet	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
FOAM BE	Foam Insert For OR12L and OR12R	Pkg. of 1		\$0.85	
TAB BE	Tab To Hold Foam Insert In and Two 6/32 Screws For OR12L and OR12R	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	Pkg. of 1		\$1.90	
BTRY BE	Replacement Battery For Previously Purchased Night Lights	Pkg. of 1		\$0.85	
OR12TF	Tattle Flag Upgrade Kit	Pkg. of 1		\$26.50	
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	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PLANER BOARD AND SIDE PLANER BOARD RELEASES					
QC BE	Quick Clip	Pkg. of 1		\$0.20	
OR3	Light Tension, White With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 2		\$15.60	
OR3BWW	Light Tension, White With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 50		\$372.10	
OR17BWW	Medium Tension, Black With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 24		\$178.45	
OR30BWW	Heavy Tension, Red With Quick Clip	Pkg. of 6		\$53.65	
OR18	Snapper Adjustable Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$15.30	
OR10	Adjustable Light Tension, Yellow With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 4		\$22.00	
OR10BWW	Adjustable Light Tension, Yellow With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$533.65	
OR14	Adjustable Medium Tension, Black With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 4		\$22.00	
OR14BWW	Adjustable Medium Tension, Black With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$533.65	
OR19	Adjustable Heavy Tension, Orange With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 2		\$11.35	
OR19BWW	Adjustable Heavy Tension, Orange With Split Ring and Quick Clip	Pkg. of 100		\$533.65	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PRO WEIGHT PRODUCTS					
OR20	Pro Weight System	Pkg. of 1		\$46.60	
OR16	Extra Heavy Pro Snap Weight Clip, Red With Split Ring	Pkg. of 2		\$13.15	
OR16BWW	Extra Heavy Pro Snap Weight Clip, Red With Split Ring	Pkg. of 100		\$582.75	
OR20 1/2	1/2 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$4.00	
OR20 3/4	3/4 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$4.40	
OR20 1	1 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 3		\$4.85	
OR20 1 1/2	1 1/2 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 2		\$4.65	
OR20 2	2 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 2		\$5.10	
OR20 3	3 Ounce Replacement Pro Guppy Weight	Pkg. of 1		\$3.80	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC RESETTABLE DIVING WEIGHTS					
OR36 1	Tadpole Size 1	Pkg. of 1		\$7.15	
OR36 2	Tadpole Size 2	Pkg. of 1		\$7.40	
CS BE	Coast Lock Snap	Pkg. of 1		\$0.40	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC SINGLE DOWNRIGGER RELEASES					
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	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC STACKER DOWNRIGGER RELEASES					
OR7	Light Tension, White	Pkg. of 1		\$15.80	
OR2	Medium Tension, Black	Pkg. of 1		\$15.80	
OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC REPLACEMENT PADS					
ORRP8	Pads For OR1's, OR2's, OR3's, OR4's, OR7's, OR8's, OR17's, and OR30's	Pkg. of 8		\$3.50	
ORRP8SN	Pads For OR18's	Pkg. of 8		\$8.35	
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		\$4.50	
ORRP16HL	Pads For OR16's WITH Pin Protruding Through The Center Of The Pad	Pkg. of 16		\$6.05	

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OFF SHORE TACKLE COMPANY LLC PROMOTIONAL ITEMS					
DCLLG	8 1/2" x 11" Yellow Decal With Black Logo	Pkg. of 1		\$1.00	
PTCH	White Patch With Yellow and Black Logo <i>(Limited Inventory Available)</i>	Pkg. of 1		\$2.00	
HT	Yellow and Black Hat	Pkg. of 1		\$8.75	
LNYD	Lanyard With Line Clippers	Pkg. of 1		\$7.75	
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	\$9.00	
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$11.00	
OATSHRT	Ash Short Sleeve T Shirt With Black Silkscreen Logo, 50/50 Blend, No Pocket	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$9.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$11.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$12.00	
OASWSHRT	Ash Long Sleeve Sweatshirt With Black Silkscreen Logo, 50/50 Blend	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$13.50	
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$13.50	
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$13.50	
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$13.50	
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$16.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$19.50	
OBHWSHRT	Black Long Sleeve Hooded Sweatshirt With Silkscreen Logo On Front, and Silkscreen Web Address On Back, 50/50 Blend	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$35.00	
		Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$35.00	
		Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$35.00	
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$35.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$38.50	
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$40.00	
OYPOLO	Yellow & Black Polo Short Sleeve, 60/40 Blend	Adult Small	Pkg. of 1	\$23.00	
	With Black Embroidered Logo On Left Breast,	Adult Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$23.00	
	No Pocket	Adult Large	Pkg. of 1	\$23.00	
		Adult Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$23.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$26.00	
		Adult Extra, Extra, Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$29.00	
PRO	White, Gold, Grey & Black Short Sleeve Embroidered Custom	Small	Pkg. of 1	\$200.00	
	Pro Shirt, No Pocket (Note this item has a 6-8 week delivery time)	Medium	Pkg. of 1	\$200.00	
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	<i>Our PRO custom embroidered shirt is available in both Men's (M) and Women's (W) sizes.</i>	Extra Large	Pkg. of 1	\$200.00	
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Riviera Product Showcase



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

Unit Includes:

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

This Unit Is Available in Different Base Options

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

• **Model # DPMKSA**
Has the Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

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

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

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



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

Unit Includes:

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

This Unit Is Available in Different Base Options

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

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

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

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

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



Base Options



Regular Base

Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount

Springfield Spring-Lock Seat Mount

Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount

Attwood 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



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



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.

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
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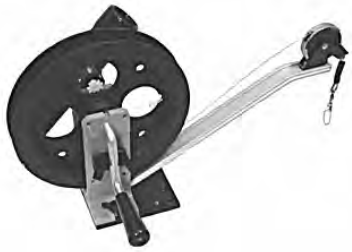
Model # WGHT
1 1/4 Pound Weight

Model # SHNK
5' Pro Shank

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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

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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



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

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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

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS, BRUCE DESHANO

Welcome to the 18th issue of the Off Shore Release. I hope you enjoy the change in format with more Tips, Tricks and Techniques for using Off Shore and Riviera products. We are always looking for ways to help the angler whether, a hard core professional or a fun seeker, catch more fish. Don't hesitate to pass along any tips you have to us online at www.offshoretackle.com under our contact information.

We are continuing to promote our new "nearly lead free" products, the Tadpole and Guppy. We're getting a lot of positive feed back from the anglers, especially on the ease of using the Tadpole and the dual use of the Guppy. Walleye, salmon and even muskie have been targets of these new products. The OR34 Mini Planer Board has shown anglers that you do not need expensive rods and reels to get lures away from the boat. We have fished this Mini Planer on 6 pound line using push button reels and spinning reels with great success. Crappie anglers are now beginning to see the advantage of the Mini Planer when searching for crappie post spawn.

Congratulations to FLW for securing a long term contract with the National Guard and Wal-Mart along with several other companies assuring the professional angler, a choice of tournaments to fish. Their schedule will be great and so will the payouts! AIM also had a great season with anglers having a lot of fun and fishing hard all day to catch one more fish in the AIM catch, photograph, release format where slots have no effect on the outcome. I have fished both and enjoy both of them. The live feeds are great when you cannot physically attend as this allows you to watch the weigh-in as if you were there! Thanks guys (and Juls) for helping us feel part of the tournament. There are many out of the industry companies looking at both circuits as promotional tools for their products.

Once again, the Off Shore Pro Staff was dominant in almost every tournament there is. We had so many winning anglers using Off Shore products. Bob Blosser (I fished with him at the Green Bay AIM) not only won the Green Bay tournament, but AIM Angler of the Year as well. Marianne Huskey was voted the "David Anderson Sportsman of the Year" by her peers. Quite an accomplishment! Paul Meleen had a great FLW season and topped it off with the coveted Angler of the Year award as well. Paul proved that consistency pays off. Other Off Shore anglers were top at FLW events. They include Tom Keenan, Dean Arnoldussen and Eric Olson. New Off Shore team members, Michael Knippenberg and Ryan Buddie earned the Masters Walleye Circuit Team of the Year. This award is probably one of the hardest team awards to earn in the country. Congratulations to these anglers and all the competitors in the 2010 season.



I had a great hunt at Campdodge.com in Michigan this fall. We saw a lot of nice deer and Rich Mealey took a nice 10 Point that was a trophy and a half! His son Richard harvested a big 9 point that weighed in at 292 pounds. Matt Hullander from Tennessee also took home a nice 12 point. I did not shoot a deer at Camp Dodge, but that was because I was looking for a non-typical buck and did not see one I could shoot. Matt and Tim worked hard to help me get a deer, but no luck. This is a great hunt for big deer.

Please go to our website and check out all the videos, tips and products found there. We will be doing more videos as the year goes on and will try to answer the questions you email into us about Off Shore products.

Thank you, for all the support you have given Off Shore Tackle and we look forward to continually being "Your Leader in Trolling Technology".

Be prepared when you hit the water – purchase your Riviera Trolling Systems products at your local dealer or send in your order today!

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DPMKSUA	Fits With Springfield Uni-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$389.00	
DPMKSZA	Fits With Attwood Swivl-Eze 2-3/8" Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$389.00	
DPMPA	7' Collapsible Aluminum Black Powder Coated Mast With Manual Posi-Stop Reels With Regular Base	Pkg. of 1		\$279.00	
DPMPSA	Fits With Springfield Taper-Lock Seat Mount	Pkg. of 1		\$279.00	
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RIVIERA TRACK MOUNT					
TM	Track Mount For RCPK or RCWIRE	Pkg. of 1		\$49.00	
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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	
RIVIERA DUAL AND TRIPLE PLANER BOARDS					
DPB	Dual Planer Board - Collapsible For Easy Storage	Pkg. of 1		\$71.00	
TPB	Triple Planer Board - Collapsible For Easy Storage	Pkg. of 1		\$94.00	
RIVIERA HAND LINE REELS					
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	
RIVIERA MANUAL RETRIEVAL DOWNRIGGERS					
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	
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Answers provided by
Bruce DeShano, CEO

PLANER BOARDS

Q. I am totally unfamiliar with planer boards but think they might suit my needs well. I have not found much information on planer boards for catfish. Your opinion and advice would be greatly appreciated.

A. My target species is the channel catfish between 5 -12 pounds. We currently do a lot of drifting in the wind with a drift sock off the side of the boat at speeds between .5 and 1.2 mph. On our 18 foot boat, we can drift 5 rods somewhat effectively. The problem is the lines tend to converge toward the center of the boat as we drift. Would planer boards work for this situation?

A. Our rig is 7 foot medium action rods running 20 - 30 pound mono with 1 oz pencil weights to drift the bottom. We run 18-24 inch leaders down to a 6/0 Gamakatsu Octopus Circle hook with a 2 or 3 inch piece of cut shad. Our reservoirs are flood control with no current, only wind.

Questions:

1. Would planers allow us to cover a larger area of water?
2. Which planers and clips would we use?
3. Would they work at the slower speeds mentioned above?
4. How would we use them?

A. All of your questions are YES. Anything you read on using Off Shore OR12 Side Planers for walleye will work for cats; there are some videos on the products and we are always working on more. You would fish them no different than you are now, with the amount of line out from the board to the bait being the same as from the boat to the bait now. You will have to guess how much line is in the air before it enters the water and subtract that from the board to bait distance.

A. Remember, with the boards out to the side, inside boards will let the bait drop down and the outside ones will lift up when turning. Everything else is easier to do than to talk about it. I would use the OR12's the way they come with the OR19 (orange) releases and the flag that comes with it. I don't think you will need tattle flags for cats, they usually bite pretty well.

Q. I'm looking to get OR31 planer boards and don't see them on any website. Can you supply them?

A. We have discontinued the OR31 because of a color conflict with our competitor. They are the same as the OR12, just without the flag. You need to drill a 1/16" hole 1" up from the end of the board and put the screw eye from the front. This is where you put the split ring and the orange OR19 clip that now comes with the OR12.

Q. I just bought one of your OR12 models and wanted to know about rigging bottom bouncers to them. Would you let your line out till the bouncer touches bottom and then clip your planer board to it and let it off to the side of the boat or what technique would you suggest?

A. Your method is good. Depending on the bottom structure, you may want to add some line, just like fishing it over the side without a board. Remember, when you turn the inside bouncer is going to go straight down so you may want to keep them up a little. Time on the water is the best teacher. Also, let the board out slowly so you don't lay the bouncer and the leader on the bottom.

Q. I'm interested in the OR34 Mini Planer Board. I have many of the standard

boards for walleye. What is the size of the mini? I'm interested in using them for crappie. What modifications do people make for this type of fishing? I see that there is a snap swivel in the rear instead of a clip with a pad. Is this something that I would have to change? Or fish with the board sliding to the fish?

A. We designed the OR34 for crappie and the walleye anglers are using it. You should have to do nothing with the OR34 Mini, use it right out of the package for 95% of your fishing. The dimensions are 3" X 6" and it is reversible (each board serves as a left or a right, you choose).

A. Keep me posted on how you do with it and what techniques you're using please. We are looking for input.

Q. Do you make and sell counter weights for your planer boards. I'm guessing that is what the three holes in front are for? I'm using my OR12 planer boards with some bigger crankbaits and the board wants to ride with the front out of the water and not cut away from the boat. The counter weights would help prevent the front end from riding out of the water.

A. The design of the OR12 Side Planer is to ride high like it does to prevent it from diving. The holes in the front are for the tattle flag option for light biting fish so you can adjust its spring tension. We run Reef Runners along with other deep baits and while they don't go out as far as they would with just a stickbait, they still allow you to cover a wide path when trolling. If you hang anything from the front, I guarantee you will not be happy! The bow high is the nature of the beast and it is the best overall way to run the board with the least amount of problems.

Q. I've just purchased 2 of your OR12 Side Planers for muskie fishing. I'm looking at replacing the OR19 releases with your OR18 Snapper Releases as I'm trolling 80lb test Power Pro at about 3 - 5 mph with 10" inch, deep diving Jake crankbaits. I've already replaced the rear release with a pigtail. My question is, when I adjust the tension on the OR18 so that it is tight enough to hold the Power Pro, will it release the line when there's a strike?

A. I think the choice of going to the OR18 is the right one for your application. You should not have any problem holding that line with it and tripping should work also. You may have to snap the rod towards the boat motor to trip without a fish. It should not need any adjustments but do it slowly if you do.

Q. I was thinking about getting the OR34 Mini Planer Boards for fishing steelhead in rivers.

A. My one question is, can I let out the desired length of line from my rod, engage the reel and let the board pull itself into my spread like the OR12 Side Planer boards will?

A. Yes, the OR34 works very similar to the OR12. It does not have a ballast weight so it won't pull out as hard as the OR12 but it still works on the same principal. I am assuming you're not using a big crank behind the board? Something like a 1/4 hotshot etc. would work well.

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A. I think the answer to your wanting to run more rods would be to use the Off Shore OR12 Side Planer with Jet Divers. This should allow you to get down the 25-40 feet you need to in the Central Basin of Lake Erie.

Q. In your opinion what is the best board for trolling for muskie with at least 4 boards out?

A. I would recommend our OR12 Side Planers for one, but if you're looking at running a mast and big boards, Riviera Trolling Systems makes a triple board that is second to none.

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weight. Can I legitimately use these rods with your boards and crankbaits? If not, what would you suggest?

A. Those rods would be good for boards. Almost any downrigger type rod is my recommendation, I prefer 7 1/2 feet because I am short and it makes it easier for me to set!

Q. I am from Yellowknife Northwest Territories and fish for lake trout every year. We go to the east arm on the Great Slave Lake and enjoy probably the best trophy lake trout fishing in North America. Not to brag but we probably put 60-80 fish in the boat a day ranging from 8-40 lbs but averaging on the 12-20lb range. We use ciscoes for bait fish in crippled herring rigs and a variety of spoons and fish between 10-30 ft of water using 2, 3, 4 oz slip weights in the early season. I bought a new boat this year and want to run 4 rods so I thought I would use your OR12 planer boards on the 2 outside rods. I do not know anybody else up here that uses the boards so I have no idea which board to buy, which clips I should use, as well as if I need the OR20 Pro Weight System, etc. I use 7 ft medium action ugly sticks with 15 lb mono line. Hoping you can recommend what to buy and how to best rig these using our ciscoe rigs.

A. I would love to catch fish like that! My best laker is about 22 lbs, so something like a 40 would be awesome. Yes, I would recommend the OR12 Side Planer board for your application. Fish the bait just like you do on the other rods and let the board slip down to the weight after the strike. You should not have to do any modifications to the OR12 for what you're fishing. Your rods are good, your line is correct and you should wear yourself out with 4 rods in the water!

Q. I just purchased an OR12L and OR12R to fish Lake Erie for walleye. How would I set up using jet divers size 20 & size 30 and reef runners? How much monofilament line and leader would I use? Will I need the jet divers to get to 20 or 30 feet, or will I just need the reef runner and maybe some weight?

A. You can set the jets just like they show on the package. They give you the amount of line for a given depth and if you're using reef runners, you can add a little more depth since the bait will take it a little further. Normally, I run small spoons of the jets, especially mini and micro Silver Streaks.

A. For leader length, it should be as long as you can get away with and still be able to land the fish when the jet is at the rod tip. I hope this helps.

Q. I am using the OR34 board for drift fishing. The problem I am having is that when I stop, the board sinks. How do I correct this?

A. The OR34 is not made to float on its own. If you want you can glue a piece of foam onto the board to specialize its use for your purpose.

Q. I don't have a shad friendly bait tank (yet) but plan to try planer boards for hybrids and stripers with shad crankbaits & maybe swim baits. Can I use the same size boards for these two species, and if so which model might you recommend? The hybrids at many lakes close by are running in the 6 lb category while my ultimate plan is to hit Cumberland for stripers.

A. You can use the OR12 planer for live bait and for pulling crankbaits. The new and considerably smaller OR34 would be best for live bait only.

Q. Is the lure depth affected by a planer board? If a lippled crankbait is supposed to run say 3'-6' when retrieved, will running it on a planer board increase or decrease this depth?

A. In regard to running a lippled crankbait off a planer board, it has no effect on the depth the lure will run.

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PRO WEIGHTS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SNAP WEIGHTS)

Q. Can I troll for muskie with a 3 ounce Guppy weight 6' in front of large baits to get them down deeper? The concern is if the fish would be able to break the hole in the tail or fin of the Guppy.

A. The Guppy material is very hard and strong, if anything, you would probably have a failure of a swivel or the knot in the line before the Guppy would fail.

Q. I am just starting to use snap weights for trolling for muskie and I am wondering how much weight I can use on the releases to get the lures down to 20'-30'. I know it matters how much line I let out, but I would like to do this with as little line out as possible since the lakes I fish receive a lot of boat traffic and courtesy does not always apply. I do not want to go to a downrigger system; your thoughts would be appreciated.

A. You can run very heavy weights of off the OR16 Pro Snap Weight Clip. I have used 1 lb balls for salmon and I have heard of guys using even heavier. The recommendation for that is to put a snap swivel on the split ring that goes through the red OR16 clip. Then by placing the line through the snap swivel, it will not fall off if a big fish shakes it off the line. You have to put something above the lure so as not to let the weight go all the way down to the lure. I use a big swivel and then tie a leader to my lure.

Q. Do snap weights have any saltwater functions? Also I am going to Lake Lanier in September for stripers. What would be a good set up? I will be trolling with 15 lb test and line counter reels using snap weights.

A. I have used snap weights in salt water, but their primary use is in fresh water.

In Lake Lanier, I fish a 1 ounce weight about 20' ahead of a live blue runner or shad off of my planer board. Your equipment would be fine for most of Lanier's striper, but you may have second thoughts if you hook one over 30 pounds.

RELEASES

Q. I just started using the OR10 for pier fishing as it seems to be the smallest size release available locally. I rigged a device to attach it directly to the rod while keeping the bail open. My question is, do you have anything with a lighter grip on the line for something like this?

A. You have the smallest and lightest release we make. Did you try moving the

spring back away from the pads? That will cut the tension in half.

Q. I bought some OR18's for use with fire line for trolling walleye. Do you only install the OR18 on the bracket or replace both releases?

A. The OR18 on the bracket is the way to go. I leave the OR16 on the back.

Q. Some of the walleye pros are using only one release (OR18 Snapper Adjustable Tension Release) on the OR12 Side Planers so I thought I would try it on your OR34 Mini Planer Board. My question is, can the OR18 Snapper Release be used on the OR34 Mini Planer Board?

A. I would not advise using the OR18 on the OR34 Mini Planer. It is too heavy and we have found that even the OR14 is heavy enough for any application we could think of for the Mini. If you're worried about the board coming off, use the OR16 Pro Weight Clip. This board is so small and light that using the OR18 is overkill.

Q. I fish the Mississippi river and use 6 and 8lb Berkley Crystal for walleye. Will the clips hold braided line? If so what do you recommend?

A. The OR19 (orange) release or OR16 (red) clip should hold that. If not, we make an OR18 (Snapper) that will hold anything!

Q. I'd like to know out of all your different types of releases, what is the best release or clip for brown trout and walleye fishing on the Great Lakes and which one holds your line best?

A. The best way to learn about our releases and clips is on our website. Each model is explained as well as how to apply them.

The heavier the release or clip, the stronger it will hold the line. On the mini clips (OR10, OR14, OR19 and OR16), you can move the spring for about a 40-50% change in tension to fit most needs.

Q. I use 30 lb Power Pro and 20/30 lb fire Line with my OR18 Snapper Release on my OR12 boards. I have used them on only four fishing trips. Until the last trip everything was working well when one of the releases kept slipping down the line to the bead. So what can I do to prevent this? Which way do you push the top lever? Forward or backward?

A. There is a small screw underneath the jaws. Put the lever in the open position and turn the screw clockwise about 1/4 turn. Try it on the line again and see if that holds. Do not tighten the screw anymore than you have to in order to hold the line in place. This should do it.

Q. On your planer board releases there are two holes on the releases where the quick clips go on. What is the purpose for the two holes? Should only the outer one be used?

A. Yes, you should use the outer hole. That is the one with the brass eyelet. The other hole is for different applications and once it was put in the tooling it stayed there.

Q. I am really new at this. I am going to be pier fishing for king mackerel this coming weekend. I have a 13 ft tall fishing pole with a reel that has 50 lb. test line on it that I am going to be using for my anchor line. Basically I will be casting out as far as I can with a weighted anchor that will let the fishing line act as a zip line. I will be using a deep sea rod with live bait to catch the fish. I will use the anchor line (zip line) to lower the line with the live bait to the water, so that I can have the bait about 3 to 5 feet down in the water. I was wondering if I can use the OR1 to attach the line with the live bait to the anchor line, and if it would still release the baited line from the anchor line when the mackerel gets hooked by the baited fish?

A. Yes, that should work. Keep the

anchor line as tight as possible. Are you going to have to pull the anchor line in each time? If not, you should be able to slide the release down for the next set.

TADPOLES

Q. What size line do I need for using the Tadpole? I have ten pound big game on my walleye reels, is this ok?

A. You will be fine with 10 lb, the dive curves are done with that. Heavier line will raise the curve slightly, but consistency is the way to catch fish with Tadpoles. Put the same amount each time and you will be in the same place. I usually put 4 or more Tadpoles out at different lengths and let the fish tell me which one is right.

Q. How deep do tadpole weights take a worm harness?

A. We have the dive curve on our website for 1.5 and 2.5 mph. Mark Romanack is working on another curve that will include 1 mph or less. For general trolling, you can get up to 30' with the OR36 2 and high 20's with the OR36 1 with crawler harnesses.

Q. I saw your add for tadpole weights and would like some more information on them. What are the two weights and how big are they? What depth ranges would they get a crankbait down to?

A. The Tadpoles are called OR36 1 (Size 1) and OR36 2 (Size 2). We don't go by weight; the depth for them is about 28' for the Size 1 and 31 for the Size 2 with 160' of line out. This is at 1.5 mph and is only about 10% less at 2.5 mph. Both were designed for stickbaits, spoons and spinners but time will tell how they react to big lipped cranks. I recommend putting a different length of line out and letting the fish tell you which is right. The same is true of the OR20 Pro Weight System.

Q. I have been reading about your new tadpole product. Sounds like a great way to target suspended fish in the Great Lakes. The article mentions the dive curve stats need to be checked. I can't find this information. Could you tell me where to look for this info?

A. Go to our home page (www.offshoretackle.com) and click on the Dive Chart link.

Q. I have a question about one of your new products, the Tadpole. It comes in two sizes, No. 1 and No. 2. Is there a functional difference I should know about before purchasing one or the other?

A. The difference in the Tadpoles is that the Size 1 will not dive as deep as Size 2. Click on our Dive Chart button on our website for more information. I recommend putting the tadpole out at with a different length on each one and letting the fish tell you which is right. Similar to how the OR20 Pro Weight system (formerly known as the Snap Weight System) works.

TATTLE FLAGS

Q. I have one of your OR12's with the OR12TF Tattle Flag Upgrade installed on it. I have the spring set on the lightest setting you can but the flag does not go down to let me know when I have a fish on. I see that you said if you use tail dancers #11 it will take down the flag but it doesn't on my board.

A. I think your setting the spring too light. Put it in the bottom hole. If that doesn't work, take the wire out of the hole in the flag and put it around the stem of the flag and adjust the front hole position of the spring until you're happy with the performance. Remember to keep an eye on the spring when you have it around the stem as it may fall off when in the boat.

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OR12R, OR12L SIDE PLANER

This is the board the pros use when money is on the line. Built to handle rough water, these boards can carry deep-diving crank baits further to the side than other boards. The OR12 won't roll or dive in the worst fishing conditions and Off Shore's pinch pad release system is adjustable and easy to attach and remove from the line.

Package includes: Yellow Side Planer with stationary flag, two OR19 releases, two 6/32 screws, two nylon nuts, one split ring & instructions.



OR34 MINI PLANER BOARD

This smaller cousin of Off Shore's larger OR12 is perfect for pulling smaller cranks, spoons and spinners out away from the boat. *And it's reversible!* Each OR34 can be rigged to run left or right. The pinch pad release system is also adjustable for different trolling situations.

Package includes: Yellow Mini Planer Board, one OR10 yellow release, one black bracket, one split ring, one black snap swivel, one nylon nut, one 6/32" x 1/2" screw & instructions.



OR10 ADJUSTABLE LIGHT TENSION PLANER BOARD RELEASE

This release is ideal for light biting fish such as Walleye or smaller fish using 10-25 pound test monofilament line. The quick clip is for use on dual planer boards and the split ring is for in line boards.

Package includes: Four each, yellow releases with split rings and quick clips.



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