

Tackle Recommendations for Bluefin Trips & Guadalupe Island

Notes from OSA Meeting March 6, 2018 Guest speaker, Mike Lackey, Owner/Operator Vagabond

Note: Mike did not talk directly about rods. As a suggestion, size your rods around line size. (For example, line range 80-100, size your rod in the same line class. If fishing 60lb braid, rod should be sized for range, say 40-60 or 60-100. Rod length should be 6'-8" to 7'-6" with Fast action which will help pitching bait. Longer rod helps keep fish out and away from boat on tough up & down fights. You don't really need roller guides on bait rigs and you should consider a rail rod for bigger fish.

Along with the Mike Lackey's recommendations, I have also included a go to reference for Guadalupe gear, recommended by the Shogun captain, Russ Brazwell. If you plan on a Lupe trip, pay attention to recommendation, the island will literally eat your lunch if don't have a clear game plan.

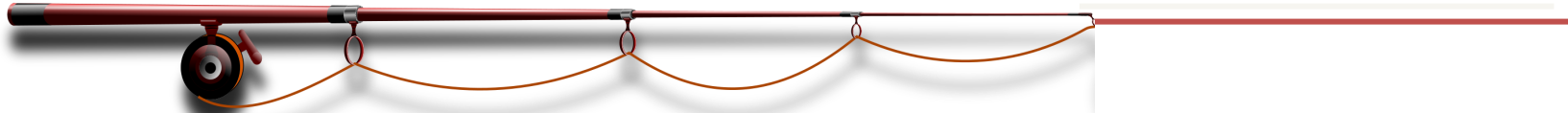


Flat Fall Rig—Penn 40N 2 Spd — Solid Braid 80lb — 3-5 ft of 130 fluorocarbon — 160 to 200 gram Flat Fall w swivel hook and/or 6/0—7/0 good quality Stingers (Rod suggestion 7 ft Rod rated to 80-130) Line connection: Braid to Fluro (Bob Sands) Fluro to Flat Fall SD Jam Knot

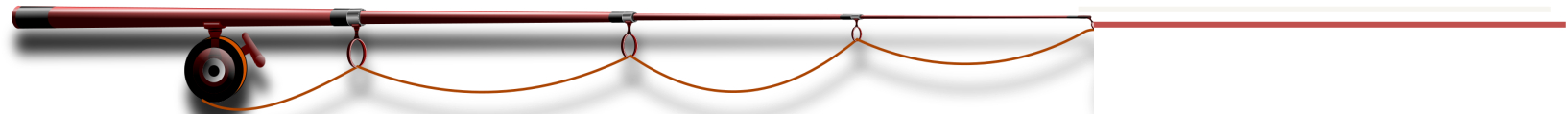


Bait Rig 1—Penn 30 2 Spd — Solid Braid 60lb — Top shot of 50lb mono — 40-50lb fluoro 5/0 -6/0 Mustad J or Circle Hook (Note: Gap on Circle hook should be wide enough so it fits over your middle finger nail (medium fish) or over your thumb nail if fishing for the big boys. Line connection: Braid to Mono Uni-Uni or RP knot. Fluoro to Hook, SD Jam Knot

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**Bait Rig 2—Penn 25N 2 Spd — Solid Braid 50lb — Top shot of 40lb mono — 30-40lb fluoro 3/0 –4/0 Mustad J or Circle Hook
(Note: Gap on Circle hook should be wide enough so it fits over your middle finger nail (medium fish) or over your thumb nail if fishing for the big boys. Line connection: Braid to Mono Uni-Uni or RP knot. Fluoro to Hook, SD Jam Knot**



**Bait Rig 3—Penn 25 Star Drag— Solid Braid 50lb — Top shot of 25-30lb mono — 20-25lb fluoro 4 –2/0 Mustad J or Circle Hook.
Line connection: Braid to Mono Uni-Uni or RP knot. Fluoro to Hook, SD Jam Knot**



Shogun Sportfishing Guadalupe Tackle Recommendations

1. 40-POUND LIVE BAIT COMBO

Reel- PENN Torque 2-speed TRQ30LD2, PENN Fathom FT30LD2, Penn Baja 113N or Shimano Torium/Trinidad 16 or 20 [50-65lb braid backing]

Rod- Conventional 7 to 8-feet, rated for 30-60 pound mono lines

Applications- Line shy smaller tuna, catching bait & Surface Iron Yellows

Need several Sabiki rigs size 2 or 4 hook, 30lb main & hook leg used for Scad, reference Owner 5525-075 or 5526-115 Squid Skirts + a couple packs of small Sabiki, just in case we target mackerel

2. 50-60 POUND LIVE BAIT COMBO

Reel- PENN Torque TRQ40NLD2, PENN Fathom FTH40NLD2, Shimano Talica 12II, Daiwa Saltiga 40 2spd [80lb braid backing]

Rod- Conventional 7 to 7.5-feet, rated for 30-80 pound mono lines

Applications- Live bait for yellowfin tuna 100-150 pounds and fly line /sliding sinker Yellows

3. 60-POUND JIGGING COMBO

Reel- PENN Baja 113N, PENN Torque 2-speed TRQ40NLD2, Shimano Torium/Trinidad 30 [80lb braid backing]

Rod- Conventional 7-feet, rated for 40-80 pound mono lines

Applications- Yo-Yo jigging, Flatfall jigs, knife jigs for yellowtail and tuna

4. 80-POUND LIVE BAIT COMBO

Reel- PENN International 2-speed 16VSX, Shimano Talica 25II, Daiwa Saltiga 60 2spd [80lb –100lb Braid backing]

Rod- Conventional 7-feet, rated for 50-100 pound lines

Applications- Larger grade tuna to 150 pounds-plus

5. 100-150 POUND DROPPER LOOP COMBO

Reel- PENN International 2-speed 30VSX; Shimano TLD 20 or 30 2spd

100-plus pound braid and 50-150 feet of 130-pound mono

Rod- Conventional 6.5 or 7 ft., rated for 80-150 pound lines

Applications- Heavy-duty dropper looping for yellowtail

