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Rod, Reel, & Line Setup Guide

(Inshore Saltwater Fishing)



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***Note: Specific brand recommendations are not included due to the wide range of personal preferences.*

Ideal Inshore Setups (Flats, Bays, Creeks):

- Reel: 2500 to 3000 Class Spinning Reel
 - High Gear Ratio Recommended (picks up line faster)
 - 6.0:1 or Higher (Line wraps around the spool 6 times for every full rotation of the handle)
 - 10lb to 15lb Braid Mainline
 - 15lb to 20lb Monofilament/Fluorocarbon Leader (2 to 3ft)
 - Increase to 30lb or even 40lb Leader for Snook/Small Tarpon
- Rod: 7'0 - 7'6 Medium to Medium Heavy Power
 - Match line rating on rod to what you have on your reel (8lb - 17lb for example)
 - A rod with a slow tip is more ideal for live bait
 - A rod with a fast tip is generally better for artificial lures
 - Avoid throwing lures/baits *heavier* than the weight rating on your rod
 - For the minimum weight rating, keep in mind that is the *total* weight of your lure. For example, a Jerk Shad rigged on a 1/16oz weighted hook may weigh 1/4oz in total.

Ideal Inshore Setups (Cover/Structure - Docks, Mangroves, etc):

- Reel: 3000 to 4000 Class Spinning Reel
 - High Gear Ratio Recommended - (picks up line faster)
 - 6.0:1 or Higher (Line wraps around the spool 6 times for every full rotation of the handle)
 - 20lb to 30lb Braid Mainline
 - As you go up in line strength, go up in reel size
 - 30lb to 40lb Monofilament/Fluorocarbon Leader (2 to 3ft)
- Rod: 6'6 to 7'6 Medium Heavy
 - Shorter rods with a fast tip are more ideal for skipping lures up under cover
 - Same considerations as above with matching line and lure weight



Ideal Pier/Jetty Fishing Setups:

- Reel: 4000 - 6000 Class Spinning Reel
 - 20lb to 40lb Braid Mainline
 - 30lb to 60lb Monofilament/Fluorocarbon Leader (2 to 3ft)
 - This can highly depend on species, but 40 to 50 lb is a safe bet
- Rod: 8' to 9' Medium Heavy or Heavy Action Rod
 - More backbone and leverage for fighting larger fish in strong current
 - Longer rods allow for longer casting as well
 - Same considerations with matching line and lure weight
- Setups can be used for artificial and/or live/dead bait. Be sure not to exceed recommended lure weight.

Ideal Surf Fishing Setups:

- Reel: 5000 - 6000 Class Spinning Reel
 - 20lb to 30lb Braided Mainline (no structure to break off on and casts further)
 - Stay on the lighter side for longer casting and more line capacity
 - 20lb to 50lb Fluorocarbon or Monofilament Leader/Rlgs
 - Will vary based on target species (40 or heavier for snook/tarpon)
 - Wire leader will be needed for toothy fish (mackerel, shark, etc.)
- Rod: 9' to 14' Medium to Medium Heavy Surf Rod
 - Longer rods for longer casting
 - Rod length will vary depending on surf height to keep line above the waves
- Setups can be used for artificial and/or live/dead bait. Be sure not to exceed recommended lure weight.

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