

Fishing tackle: selection, use, settings and hints

Rods

When selecting a fishing rod, it is important to consider its capacity, which is usually described in pounds and is directly related to the size of fish you want to catch. It should also be compatible with the type of reel or spinning reel that will be used. For spinning reels, use rods with large rod guides, and for reels, use rods with smaller rod guides.

It is important to have balanced equipment when selecting your rod, spinning reel, or reel, i.e., to use equipment with similar capacity. The capacity of the spinning reel or reel should be similar to the capacity of the rod and similar to the capacity of the line to be used.

The length of the rods should be evaluated according to the type of fishing to be practiced. For fishing on boats, the length usually varies between **5 feet and 10 inches to 6 feet and 5 inches**. For fishing at the seashore or on a river bank, use rods that can be **16 inches** in length or even more. But don't forget to follow the rules of a good balance between the rod, the reel or spinning reel, and the line.

Another important point about rods: never try to test the capacity of the rod by flexing the end of the rod with your hand. This can break the rod. For this test, use the assembled rod by pulling through the line, as the rod resistance is distributed across all guides. The more guides the rod has, the better its performance and capacity.

Baitcasting reel settings:

Take a look at this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pecq-4mcf0k>

Spinning reel drag settings:

Take a look at this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsvbigQcvFM>

Final recommendations:

Here are some tips to improve your fishing experience:

- a. Assemble your fishing gear carefully and do not hesitate to redo them if something is not 100%. Constantly review your material when you are fishing, especially after catching a fish. Check the status of rods, lines, knots, swivels, etc. If unsure, don't be lazy. Cut, tie, and redo.
- b. Whenever in doubt about the condition of the fishing line, replace it with a new one. You will only find that the line is not good when you lose a fish.
- c. When catching a fish with force greater than the capacity of the line, it is normal for the fish to take the line. That is when having a balanced set makes the difference, by having the adjustments done correctly. Always keep the rod in the position where it is flexed to cushion the "fish's strong pull".
- d. Never give up. Be persistent and the reward will come in the form of a beautiful fish.
- e. And last but not least, talk, ask, and plan your fishing with the fishing guide. They certainly have more experience than you and can be of great help.