

# Third Week

**Topic:** The knots you need to know  
**Gear:** Hooks, corks and swivels  
**Environment:** Recycling old fishing line  
**Knot:** Loop Knot

**Refer to pages:** 20 thru 26. In class we will talk about different hooks and what they are best for

## This week we will be working on knots.

We will divide the class into three groups. Each group will work on one knot for a while and then the students will move to the next group. We will be practicing the Uni Knot (good to tie on a hook), the line to line knot (which is basically two uni knots) to attach the leader to the line, and the loop knot (which is what you want to use to allow your bait or lure to swing around freely underwater and look more natural to the fish).

The in class students will get some hooks and split shots and a couple of poppin corks this week. You will get all the same stuff they get, when the online classes are over.

You will get three different kinds of hooks.

Traditional 'J' hooks, Circle hooks and Worm hooks.

**The traditional hook** is the basic hook.

**The circle hook** is designed to catch the fish in the corner of its mouth. This is easier on the fish and easier to unhook.

**The worm hook** can be used for worms, but around Charlotte Harbor worm hooks are used to attach artificial baits to your line. Watch the video to see exactly how to thread a bait onto a worm hook.

Of these three varieties of hooks there are different brands and many different designs with special bends, extra sharp tips and different eyes. **There are regular hooks, gold hooks and blood red colored hooks.** (see photo at right) Some fishermen think the red hooks look like blood to fish and work better to attract them. The gold hooks sparkle more.

There are lots of little adjustments you get to make when you are fishing. Part of the fun is finding out what combination works to catch fish. Often, fish want a certain color bait, often the color bait the fish will take depends on the color of the water.

Here are 3 different types of hooks in 3 different sizes

The sizes are 1/0 2/0 and 3/0  
1/0 is the smallest of these 3/0 the biggest.  
The top hook is a standard hook  
the middle is gold and the bottom is red

Look at page 20 - 26 in the online manual for pictures of other hooks.



# Don Ball School of Fishing Online Quiz

## Fish Quiz # 3

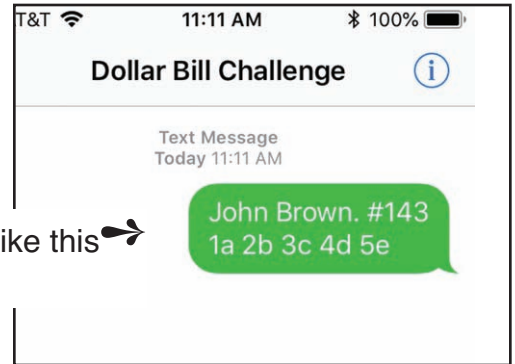
please DO NOT GUESS! If you don't know the answer just answer I DON'T KNOW.

You have until noon on October 30 to submit your answers

Text your name and angler number  
along with your answers

Text to the tournament phone number you were given

Your text should be like this →



4. A \_\_\_\_\_ hook, tends to hook a fish in the corner of the mouth, as opposed to the gut, resulting in higher survival rates.

- a.  "J"
- b.  Circle
- c.  Kahle
- d.  Aberdeen
- e.  I don't know

5. Non-stainless hooks degrade faster than stainless hooks.

- a.  True
- b.  False
- c.  I don't know

6. The best way to hold a fish is:

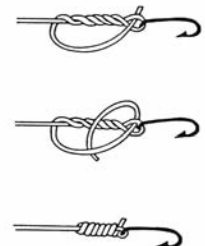
- a.  Vertically by the jaw
- b.  Horizontally, supporting the belly with your hand
- c.  With dry hands
- d.  By the gill openings
- e.  I don't know

8. The most abundant baitfish in an estuary

- a.  Anchovy
- b.  Menhaden
- c.  Bigeye Scad
- d.  Thread herring
- e.  I don't know

9. Which Knot is this?

- a.  Clinch knot
- b.  Square knot
- c.  Loop knot
- d.  Back knot
- e.  I don't know



Answers to these questions be posted at the end of the 3rd Fishing Period

2nd Fishing Period answers: d-a-b-b-c

*If you have questions you can always text your mentor*