

Fifth Week

Topic: Fish Biology
Gear: Rigging Live Bait
Environment: Fishing Regulations
Knot: Leader to Line Knots

Refer to pages on: Fish Biology 49 thru 52

Pay special attention to the Apex Predators story

OFFSHORE TRIP RESCHEDULED!!

This Saturday (Nov 10) is our offshore fishing trip. This is a half day outing that leaves the dock at 7 am from the Englewood Bait House. Don't Be Late! DIRECTIONS can be found at:
<http://www.waterlifemagazine.com/OutingInfo2.pdf>

IN CLASS THIS WEEK we will be going over fish biology and rigging live bait.

If you missed it, last week we went over rigging live shrimp. Check out Video #4

RIGGING LIVE BAIT

First of all: Why do we want to fish with live bait?

Answer: Because if we choose the right live bait, the fish are likely to eat it because that's what they are

eating naturally, in the wild.

So around Charlotte Harbor we catch small bait fish such as pinfish, sardines and threadfin herring. Fishermen catch them with a Sabiki rig (a number of very small gold hooks on a single short line) or they catch them with a cast net.

So then the question is:

How do you hook your bait?

Here are some different ways you can hook a sardine. **By placing the hook in a certain part of the baitfish you can make him swim in a certain way.**



Nostril hooking is ideal for surface live-baiting.



Hooking a bait in front of its dorsal generates action, and the aft placement nabs "short-striking" fish



A bait hooked near its anal fin is a great way to make baits swim away from a stationary platform, like a pier, jetty, bridge, beach or shoreline.



Throat hooking forces a bait into the depths, perfect for midlevel fish.

Don Ball School of Fishing Online Quiz

Fish Quiz # 5

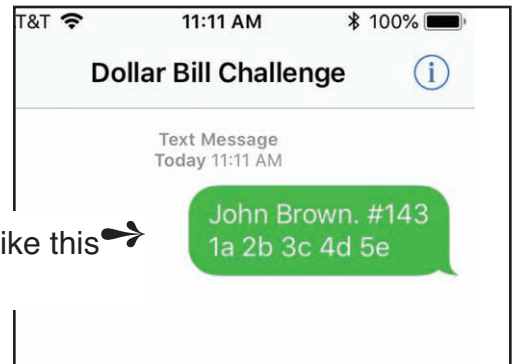
please DO NOT GUESS! If you don't know the answer just answer I DON'T KNOW.

You have until noon on Tuesday November 13 to submit your answers

Text your name and student number along with your answers

Text to the special online phone number you were given

Your text should be like this →



Watch the **How To Rig A Pinfish Video** on the School Page and answer these questions

1. **Why did he hook the fish on top?**

- a. To make it swim on the surface
- b. To make it swim underwater
- c. I don't know

2. **What kind of fish did he catch?**

- a. Redfish
- b. Trout
- c. Snook
- d. I don't know

3. **Why was that a good place to fish?**

- a. Good structure
- b. Moving Water
- c. Easy to get to
- d. All of the above
- e. I don't know

4. **What was important that the angler did?**

- a. Set the hook
- b. Reel, reel, reel!
- c. Control the fish
- d. All of the above
- e. I don't know

5. **How was he holding the fish?**

- a. Vertically by the jaw
- b. Horizontally the belly
- c. Vertically the tail
- d. I didn't watch the video

Answers to these questions will be posted at the end of the 5th week
4th Fishing Period answers: c-c-a-b-a

If you have questions you can always text your mentor