



How to Tie a North Carolina Surf Float Rig

HOW TO TIE A NORTH CAROLINA SURF FLOAT RIG


SUSPEND BAITS AND BEAT THE CRABS




KEEP BAIT AWAY FROM CRABS & PINFISH




MORE VISIBILITY IN THE SURF ZONE



ATTRACT MORE POMPANO, BLUEFISH & TROUT

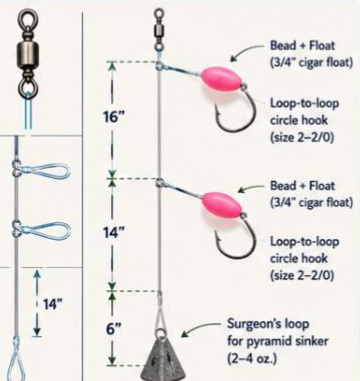


SAVE MONEY BY TYING YOUR OWN CUSTOM RIGS



STEP-BY-STEP: BUILD YOUR NC SURF FLOAT RIG

- TOP SWIVEL**
Cut a 44" length of 30-40 lb mono or floro leader. Tie a size 5 barrel swivel to the top with a Palomar knot.
- DROPPER LOOPS**
16" down from the top, tie a 3" dropper loop. Move down another 14" and tie a second 3" dropper loop.
- SINKER LOOP**
At the bottom, tie a surgeon's loop for your pyramid sinker. Total leader length is 44".



16"
14"
6"

Bead + Float (3/4" cigar float)
Loop-to-loop circle hook (size 2-2/0)
Surgeon's loop for pyramid sinker (2-4 oz.)

THREADING YOUR FLOATS

- Thread dropper loop through bead, then through the float.
- Pass the loop through the hook eyelet.
- Pull the hook over the loop. The eyelet traps the float and bead.

PRO TIP Insert a small plastic peg or toothpick into the center of the float and snap it off flush to lock the float in place and prevent slippage.

FLOAT COLOR MATRIX

FLOAT COLOR PROFILE	IDEAL WATER CLARITY	PRIMARY TARGET SPECIES	TACTICAL BENEFIT
Neon Pink / White	Clean, green water	Pompano, Sea Mullet	Mimics cupina clam & sand flea egg clutches.
Fluorescent Chartreuse	Dingy, churned sand / mud	Bluefish, Puppy Drum	High-contrast visibility in dark wave troughs.
International Orange	Low light, dawn / dusk	Speckled Trout, Spot	Silhouette contrasts against dark skies & deep cuts.

TACTICAL PLACEMENT

Cast along the edges of deeper troughs and sloughs.

Find the breaks and color changes.

Sight-hunting fish cruise close to shore in the white-water and troughs. Let your floats do the talking!

BEST BAITS FOR FLOAT RIGS

Fresh shrimp (wrapped with bait thread)

Live sand flea + scent strip for extra attraction


TARGET SPECIES

POMPANO, BLUEFISH, SEA MULLET, SPECKLED TROUT, REDFISH, BLACK DRUM


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Three Simple Steps

1. Top Swivel - Cut a 44" length of 30-40 lb mono or floro leader. Tie a size 5 barrel swivel to the top with a Palomar knot.
2. Dropper Loops – 16" down from the top, tie a 3" dropper loop. Move down another 14" and tie a 2nd 3" dropper loop.
3. Sinker Loop – At the bottom tie a surgeon's loop for your pyramid sinker. Total leader length is 44".

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HOW TO TIE A PALOMAR KNOT

STRONG • SIMPLE • RELIABLE

 <p>1</p>	 <p>2</p>	 <p>3</p>	 <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>
Double the line and pass the loop through the eye of the swivel.	Pass the loop over the swivel and feed the tag end back through the loop.	Wrap the tag end around both the standing line and the loop 3-5 times.	Moisten the knot. Hold the swivel and pull both lines tight.	Trim the tag end. You've tied a strong Palomar knot!



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HOW TO TIE A SURGEON'S LOOP

STRONG • SIMPLE • SECURE

 <p>1</p>	 <p>2</p>	 <p>3</p>	 <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>
Double the line to form a loop.	Wrap the tag end around both standing lines 3-5 times.	Pass the tag end through the loop at the top.	Moisten the line and pull both standing lines in opposite directions.	Trim the tag end. Your Surgeon's Loop is ready!



IDEAL FOR:



Sinkers



Swivels



Lures



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