



## Progress and innovation Mark the Way of Braid Products

From what was a hobby back in 1982 to the present, Braid Products, Inc. has produced the equipment which sets the standard for offshore anglers.

Dennis Braid, once a custom car designer-builder for the rich and famous, took his experience in design, sheet metals and prototype engineering and thrust himself into the big game fishing market. Too late for Hemingway's "Old Man," today's offshore angler can equip himself with the tools to battle and win against any fish that swims.

Although the Braid line now includes more than 200 products, it really began in the lure arena where his first big sellers were casting lures for wahoo, including the first 'flash

dancers' and Marauder-type wahoo trolling plugs. From modest beginnings, the company now headquarters in an expansive,

state-of-the art production facility in Palmdale, California.

In late 1983, Braid stepped forward with his first rod belt. But ever observant and demanding, he recognized early on that one belt, just like one fishing rod, would never suit every purpose. Experienced in the

hands-on elements of production, he steadily expanded his line and is now able to suit every angler by addressing such areas as body support, comfort, line test and drag pressure – and every one with

quality components. His staff is a multi-talented, multi-skilled group that carries the Braid vision to make the best equipment possible.

But critical to the success of Braid Products is Braid himself, who seems never satisfied. "I fish a lot," he expounds. I'm alert to fishing situations or fish feeding behavior that I can respond to. That's how some products develop right on the deck! "I love taking an idea and making a prototype, doing the tooling, creating a product and taking it to end-consumer."

What's more, he says, "There's still a lot of opportunity for new products out there, and Braid will be here to bring them to you."



### About Braid Products

#### BraidProducts.com 's the best fishing resource on the planet"

#### The Man Behind the Name 6 **BPO** D

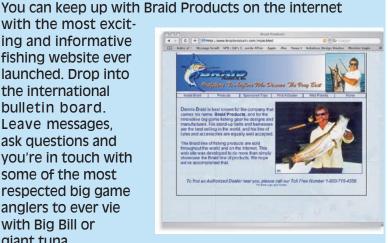
Australian born, when it comes to international fishing experience, Dennis Braid has been there and done that. From Central America, the Bahamas, Bermuda, even testing giant bluefin tuna off the coast of Italy, and with forays 'all over the Pacific' he is no stranger to the global sport.

Yet vocation took him first into sheet metal work and then as a model and racing car builder. There he became an expert in developing ideas into prototypes and finally into finished products.

But he never stopped fishing.

Braid studied, devised and crafted, and when the time was right, he put those manufacturing skills together with his fishing expertise to produce the most innovative and effective lures and fishing accessories on the market. Today he is renowned for his more than 15 years as the leader in big game fishing equipment.

with the most exciting and informative fishing website ever launched. Drop into the international bulletin board. Leave messages. ask questions and you're in touch with some of the most respected big game anglers to ever vie with Big Bill or giant tuna.



Regularly updated, product and technical questions are often answered by Dennis Braid himself, but you can share your experience and expertise as well - and have your comments cast well into cyber-space.

Innovative and interactive, with loads of international E-mail, it's the best thing to happen to big game fishing since the Power Play.



## Belts and Harnesses

When you step aboard a modern sportfisher today bent on going head to head with the big beaters, you'll be armed with the best that Dennis Braid and the fishing sciences have to offer. Indeed, as you rely on the fish-fighting tools and accessories that have made the stand-up style emblematic of complement big game angling, you surely owe a debt of gratitude to those who went before-especially those who angled and lost.

More than 30 years ago on the West Coast, as sportfishers ventured farther and farther south to the untested waters off the Baja Peninsula,

they encountered tuna of incredible proportions. On the best passenger boats of the day came many will-

ing, veteran anglers, but never before had their gear been so overmatched. The unrelenting speed and

power of tuna approaching 400 pounds meant hook-ups were many, but actual catches too few. What skippers and fishermen together learned was that parabolic marlin rods and primitive harnesses of the time were nearly ineffective. Too much brute strength was required to grapple with the giant yellowfin, limiting the game to body builders or salty masochists.

Yet the presence of giant tuna continued to draw anglers from around the world, and it was their demands which spurred on innovation. Pioneers

and control regardless of physical stature have followed a steady course, first adjusting to shorter rod lengths, then creating reel

power through lower gear ratios and multiple ratios

and certainly with improved kidney harnesses, rod plates (a magnification of mere rod butt belts), line and leader technology, and for the biggest gamefish, bucket harnesses as well.

Each element, in progression, meant the fishermen could actually procure a mechanical advantage. The new shorter rods could gain needed leverage on huge fish, especially when they were 'straight

down' below the fisherman. The lowering of gear ratios was only one step. The movement over the last decade to two speed reels provided either speed or power on demand as needed, giving even more control to the anglers regardless of physical stature.

By full utilization of the angler's



more

body weight, spreading out of opposing forces at the pivot point, and using all various elements of rod, reel and manpower to the fullest mechanical advantage, is the true science of fishing. What was nearly impossible is now readily possible of any sportfisher, man or woman.

On the West Coast, giant tuna are still crowning jewel among sportsmen, but the California scene hardly has a monopoly on the big fish for stand-up gear. The past several years the New Jersey coast and the waters off North Carolina have showcased a tremendous fishery of giant bluefin tuna from 200 to 600 pounds. And in what was once the domain of the fighting chair, Australian marlineers now tackle billfish from 300 to 800 pounds with stand up gear. What broke the long-ranger decades past won't happen to you.

On the rod and reel end, you are able to choose from several top manufacturers with credible performance records. High tech braided lines and leader innovations keep you connected. Then, once equipped to that degree, you can match your gear with the perfect harness to tackle any offshore species.  $\triangleright$   $\triangleright$ 

A harness that gives complete support will reduce the time and energy spent on big game fish

## **Belts and Harnesses**



#### Power Play Harness™

The ultimate in standup gear for huge fish and 80- to 130- pound tackle. Made of the finest materials available today, the Power Play gives back support and bucket configuration to win the tough stand-up battles. Full range adjustable side

straps and stainless steel 'D' rings are just part of the Braid Products advantage. Designed to put the maximum amount of pressure on giant fish. Optional drop straps increase leverage. An excellent combination with Braid #30350 or #30900 fighting belts. **#30800** 





#### Drop Straps

A key add-on accessory that allows you to lower the rod belt to reach higher on the rod fore grip. Lets you put increased pressure on a big fish, but reduces strain on arms and legs. Links rod belt and harness into a single fish-fighting system. **#30150** 

#### Blue-Fin Harness™

Here's the ultimate in stand-up back support – the kind you need going toe to toe with heavyweights and heavy tackle. Rated for 60- to 80-pound tackle. ideal for fighting chair work as well. Matches up with Braid models #30300 and #30900 belts. Accommodates drop straps too. **#30750** 



#### Brute Buster Harness™

The sit-down bucket gear that set the standard for performance and acceptance of bucket harness technique. Made of the highest quality components to stand the rigors of true big game fish. Easily adjusted on

## each side. Wide support area reduces strain on back. Welded stainless steel 'D' rings attached to harness to accommodate drop straps. Handy pliers sheath attached and one of the two sizes accommodates every angler. Built for use with Braid # 30900 fighting rod belt. **#30950 Standard** (20 to 36 inch waist) **#30975 Large** (36 to 56 inch waist)



(not included). Use with Braid #30800 harness (top left). #30350





duty stainless steel rings molded into each side of the belt. Recommended harnesses are the Brute Buster Harnesses (see left). **#30900** 

#### Power Play Rod Belt™

Built to match up to 130-pound tackle, you can apply up to 50 pounds of drag with this belt. The wide design model has separate, contoured padding to fit each thigh without slipping. All belts feature easy adjustable side straps with space-age materials that will last a lifetime. The Braid 'V' shape design draws the rod butt right to the fighting position gimbal or Uni-butt. Molded receivers on the front of the belt hold pliers or cutters

Tuna Belt™ Space-age plastic composites, and a wide one piece pad to spread out the forces, make Braid's Tuna Belt one of the most popular in the line. You can apply up to 40 pounds of drag pressure with this gear to fish 50- to 80pound tackle easily. Receiver accepts gimbal rod butt. Matches up with #30800, #30750 or #30950 harnesses (see left). #30300

#### Brute Buster Belt™

Recommended for 50- to 100- pound line class. Comfortable and extremely durable with an adjustable belt ranging from 26 to 56 inches, this wide-profile belt is designed to be worn low across the upper thighs for increased leverage. The Brute Buster gimbal belt is backed by air-filled foam and features a non-skid surface. Safety release clips and adjustable strap attach to heavy

# **Choosing Belts and Harnesses**

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There are significant choices to make in equipment as potential catches range from school tuna, sailfish and wahoo to oceans of giant tuna and marlin. But rather than choose your gear entirely based on species, the scientific method is to match harness to line-class tackle. The function of stand-up harnesses and belts is how they deal with the forces involved. The right stuff provides adequate support and comfort to the angler in every situation.

On the light end, with 20- to 30- pound class tackle, contoured rod belts (with gimbal mounted rod butts) maximize the power you can produce at

this line test. A Braid Sailfish or Dolphin model would certainly meet the needs. But going up to 30- or 40- pound class, the forces become greater. An extrapadded back harness, such as the adjustable Marlin, helps fight fatigue as you fight gamefish on this lighter gear. As you go up to 50pound tackle, the Pro Manta Belt, which can be worn

## You'll be **able** to exert **max**imum force on the fish

lower for greater leverage, can be combined with the broad support of the Marlin, or regular fighting harness. However, once you jump up to the 60- to 80-pound line class and on up to the 130-pound class, you'll need to harness all the energy you can muster to stay on top of a huge gamefish.

Included in those are the Power Play system of belt and bucket harness (actually a Braid creation way back in 1987) and the modified

bucket with the Brute Buster Harness. The bucket harness concept

allows you to "sit back" and use your own body weight to move a monster gamefish.

Combined with wide, specially padded belts, you spread out the force on the thighs, and with the addition of drop belts, can further lower the position of the belt to gain even more leverage.

This 97-pound 'GT' was landed by Dennis at Midway **Island in the Central Pacific** using the Braid Brute Buster Belt

If you fish 30-pound tackle or heavier, always use a gimbal mounted rod. With the rod butt inserted in the pin of your rod belt, all your efforts are put toward managing your fish, not 'white knuckling' the foregrip as the rod twists and turns in your hand. And you don't need new rods, just replace the butt caps with gimbals.

## **Belts and Harnesses**



Reel Rest

Now the spin angler can go after big game fish with the use of the harness and kidney belt, thanks to the Braid Reel Rest<sup>™</sup> This ingenious accessory provides reel lugs so that harness straps can be connected to your spinning reel (or any small conventional reel without lugs). Reel *Rest*<sup>™</sup> changes the way anglers fight big game with spinning

Marlin

Harness

Long battles against big fish need every

edge against fatigue

when you use lighter

tackle. The lightweight,

padded Marlin Harness

keeps you in the game

and is fully adjustable.

with cinch and finger

Quick snap fitting

release waist strap

gives you a custom

Harness Safety Clips

These easy release

get you out of your

those compromising

harness quickly in

safety clips and straps







angler is seated - A Braid exclusive. #30111 (w/o gimbal) #30101 (with gimbal)



ment. Drop straps optional. Works great with Braid Fighting Harness (see left), #30200

#### Dolphin Belt™

Going after school-size tuna on a hot bite? Spinning, fly and conventional tackle users have the right stuff with this belt. Small, lightweight and padded with non-skid back. The V-shape accepts the rod butt quickly. Available with. or without gimbal pin. #30170 (w/o gimbal) #30171 (with gimbal)

#### Sailfish Belt™

An excellent choice for 20- to 40- pound tackle. even a bit heavier gear. This gimbal equipped belt rides low and spreads the force of the fight over air-cushioned padding. Built to Braid's high standards, this belt is perfect for all day use. #30175

#### Manta Belt™

Tops in versatility and rugged construction, the Manta Belt™ really saves on wrist fatique. Excellent for use with 30- to 50pound test lines, it's available with or w/o a gimbal pin. The unique contoured back features non-slip rubber padding and is designed to fit the groin area when the

Pro Manta Belt™

You can put up to 30pounds of drag pressure with Braid's most popular seller for medium-sized tackle in the 30- to 60-pound range, Like all Braid Products, top quality components and materials are standard. Gimbal pin, non-skid backing and Velcro waist strap for easy adjust-



gear by reducing arm fatigue. #RR100

fit and stainless steel 'D' rings accommodate drop straps for attaching Braid Fighting Belts. #30700





#### situations with big, dangerous game-fish. Standard on all new Braid harnesses, you

can retro-fit any Braid Product with the stateof-the-art connectors. #20111 (pair)

#### Fighting Harness

Here's what you need for fighting mid-size gamefish on 30- to 60pound tackle. Quality built, back and kidney support keeps you on top of the big fish and stainless steel 'D' rings accommodate drop straps for attaching to Braid belts (Manta and Manta Pro, see right). #30500 (waist 36-56) #30550 (waist 28-34)

## Fighting Technique

You can break stand-up fighting techniques into two types: simply hip pivot or knee pivot. Hip pivot methods are ssoaiated with 50-pound class gear and lighter (belts and kidney harnesses), while the knee pivot method is related to the 80to 130-pound class tackle (with bucket harness and butt plate gear). Of course, you'll use the hip pivot at times while in your bucket harness, but only when a huge fish is not exerting its full force. Dennis prefers this version of the hip pivot method. Stand with your feet a reasonable distance apart, knees bent. You want the weight of your body over your heels, but not so much you are truly flat-footed. You'll want your weight distributed just enough so

#### Braid Angelers Tool Pliers™

Braid's multi-purpose pliers are ready to solve all of your fishing tool needs. This tool does it all: cut line and wire, remove hooks, close hook eyes, open hooks, crimp line – It sounds like a Ginsu Knife commercial – but these really do it all! Whether it's toothy shark from a private yacht or a feisty trout from a rowboat, these versatile, highquality pliers are a must in every tackle box. Plus – they're great around the house too. **#32910** 

you can move left or right or back on the balls of your feet. In otherwords, you must have balance. With your left hand high on the rod's foregrip as is comfortable and your arm fully extended, keep your arm fully extended, keep your back reasonably straight. When you "pull" on the fish (pump theod), you do so by pivoting at the hip. When you lean back, turn your body slightly to the left, the force is lower on your body, not up in your arms and back. The key to maximize your power is to grasp the rod as high as possible on the foregrip. In doing so, you are as close to a direct line pull as is possible with rod and reel. The same effect can be maintained with a kidney belt and harness, as long as the rod is adjusted to approximately a 45 degree angle to the water This gives you enough play to lean forward, draw back, short stroke or lengthen your stroke as needed. Of course, when you're connected to a harness, you won't need your left hand to do any pulling on the rod. It can rest on the reel, or distribute the line on the spool while cranking. continued, please see p31



## Belts, Harnesses & Accessories



The new carbon fiber finish range of fish fighting belts offers the angle a beautiful unique non slip platform to battle the biggest predator that swims. This series is light weight, available in 3 different styles and comes with a reusable mesh bag for storage!



#### Special Features Include...

Ultra Strength Lightweight construction

**Ergonomic Padding** 

Hardened Steel Pin

Easy attachment clip on waist strap

#### **One Size Fits All!**

**Samurai Powerplay Belt** - 30351 Built to handle the demanding conditions of offshore big game fishing, the Power Play Rod Belt features a gimbal pin which rest below the plate surface to allow the rod to set deeper into the belt. Two slots allow for the housing of cutting pliers (not included). Individual backing pads are contoured inward, virtually eliminating the belt from moving from side to side. Includes custom made stainless and marine bronze clips.

Monster Stealth Carbon Fiber Belt <sup>\*\*</sup> - 30280

#### - 50280 One Size Fits All!

Monste Stealth Carbon Fiber Belt is the first choice for Jigging & Popping anglers. A great non-



skip base & three different butt support locations so the reel can be moved to allow the angler to quickly change angles without worrying about losing the line



#### Stealth Harness "" - 30600 One Size Fits All!

Using the latest in hightech design and materials, this extremely lightweight harness will not only stand up against giants, but also mother nature.



#### Sailfish Stealth Carbon Fiber" - 30180 One Size Fits All!

The Sailfish Carbon Fiber Finish offers the perect suppor for fast action on predators while battling on line up to 50 - 60 lbs.

Monster Dolphin Carbon Fiber Belt <sup>\*\*\*</sup> 30181 - WITH CIMBAL 30180 -WITHOUT CIMBAL One Size Fits All!

The Dolphin Carbon Fiber finish is available with or without gimbal perfect choice for 30lb class line.

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#### Samurai Harness - 30810 (LARCE) UP TO 56" • (XLARCE) 56" +

The ultimate is stand-up gear for huge fish and 80 to 130 pound tackle. Made of the finest materials available today, the Samurai gives back support and bucket configuration to win the tough stand-up battles. Full range adjustable side straps and stainless steel "D" rings are just part of the Braid Products advantage. Designed to put the maximum amount of pressure on giant fish.



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Pro Manta Belt ™ - 30181 - BLACK

This revolutionary device enables the angler to apply as much as 20lbs. of drag pressure when fighting a fish. The Pro-Manta is made of the same high quality materials as the regular manta belt bus is designed to worn in a lower position for greater leverage. The Pro Belt also comes with the unique "V" shape to allow the rod to drop into place without looking. This rod belt is designed for minimum 20lb. line class thru 60lb. The gimbal pin position can be changed to accept the new short curved Uni-Butt.





comfort and ease, can simply be clipped onto the angler's pant waist for immediate action. **#30420** 



#### Braid Hip Pad™

Light Tackle Pad™

The great Braid name on a less-costly line of rod belts. Truly the perfect design and shape for anglers using #15 to #40 test line and is quite possibly the only rod belt on the market that is suited for big game saltwater fly fishing. It can be worn with the existing belt strap or, for more

Specifically designed for light tackle and surf fishing, the *Hip Pad* <sup>™</sup> is an ultra-light rod receiver worn by slipping the molded-in clip over the angler's pant waist or belt, and suspending on either hip. **#30410** 



#### Braid Baja Rod Belt™

Designed to meet the needs of the novice while bringing a modified design to the seasoned angler in our successful *Pro Manta* <sup>™</sup> style belt. A molded receiver cup has a horizontally elongated configuration for left and right directional changes, as well as a hinge and pivot design with a gimbal pin for pumping the fish. Also included is a *Braid Pliers Sheath* and adjustable 2" nylon waist strap. Rated for line class up to 60 pounds. **#30250** 



#### Sailors' Secret™

All natural and highly effective remedy for motion and sea sickness used by sailors, divers, pilots, etc. Laboratory tested and made from the highest quality Premium Cinger sealed in easy-to-swallow capsules, *Sailors'* 

Secret works locally on the digestive system – not nervous system like other remedies. It does not cause drowsiness or any of the other unwanted side affects. It REALLY works! **#00198** 



The perfect accessory for stream lining your trolling setup enclosed swivels & Crimps

MODEL # 69581 - Med. 5/16 ID MODEL # 69580 - Small 1/4 ID



Accesories

No more guessing on how to rig your trolling plug available in two sizes very easy connection to lure and attract to the main line

MODEL # 69585 175 Ibs

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MODEL # 69586 275 Ibs





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## Rigging Gear and DVDS

#### BRAID'S STIFF RIGS



These versatile *Stiff Rigs* are made to use with big game trolling lures and feature beaded spacers covered with plastic tubing. "Stiffened" portion can be wedged into counter-bored jigs to position the hook at any angle. **#SH 200** 9/0 with 200-pound test **#SH 300** 11/0 with 300-pound test **#SH 400** 12/0 with 400-pound test

## WIREMAN'S HAND GAFF"



Must have for cleating off a billfish or shark close to the boat, or for muscling a big fish onboard. Braid's *Wireman's Hand Caff*™ features a giant Mustad shark hook attached to 15' of 3/8" nylon rope ending in a loop. **#82548** 

LOCK JAW<sup>M</sup>EZ RELEASE

SHARK LEADER

## Big Game Action on DVD



#### Stand Up to a GIANT

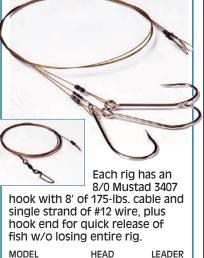
The ultimate "how to" video on catching the elusive Atlantic giant bluefin tuna. Classroom and on-thewater instruction from Dennis. Valuable information to help you in your quest toward gearing up for trophy gamefish all over the globe. **#10039** 

#### LOCK JAW™ SHARK LEADER



The double X-strong shark hook is attached with 12' of s/s cable and a barrel swivel.

MODEL #SLO 08 #SLO 10 #SLO 12	HEAD	LEADER		
#SLO 08	8/0	270 lbs		
#SLO 10	10/0	270 lbs		
#SLO 12	12/0	480 lbs		
Rattle shown, but is no longer available.				



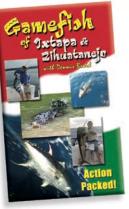
#SL 100......8/0......175 lbs

#### Braid Chunkin™ Circle Hooks and Chunkin™ Hooks

Braid's Chunkin™ Circle Hooks are the hot item among anglers who know. Crimp straight to wind-on leaders with no other hardware. Welded swivels eliminate line twist.

Braid's Chunkin™ Hooks are a Braid original, weighted, heavy-duty live bait hooks help control bait in any kind of current. Steel wire "bait holders" molded on the shank keeps bait in place and helps hide the hook.

#69458 Circle Hook w/swivel, 2pk, 13/0 #69459 Circle Hook w/swivel, 2pk, 14/0 #69460 Circle Hook w/swivel, 2pk, 15/0 #69461 Tuna Circle Hook, 6pk, 10/0 #69462 Tuna Circle Hook, 6pk, 11/0 #69463 Tuna Circle Hook, 6pk, 12/0 #69450 Chunkin' Hook, 2pk, 7/0 #69451 Chunkin' Hook, 2pk, 8/0 #69452 Chunkin' Hook, 2pk, 9/0







#### Gamefish of Ixtapa & Zihuatanejo

Located just north of Acapulco, this area is a sportfishing paradise. Stunning roosterfish footage in addition to wild battles with marlin, dorado and yellowfin tuna. Also includes lots of rigging tips for catching huge offshore gamefish. **#10041** 

#### Panama: "The Angler's Paradise"

The most comprehensive "where to/how to" on fishing Panama – the most awesome fishing experience on the globe. Tackle and techniques to land black snook, giant black marlin and trophy yellowfin. **#10040** 

#### Atlantic Giants - The Ultimate Bluefin Watch

and learn as Dennis brings 11 of these giants, ranging from 250 to 500 pound, to leader and takes you on a tour of the North Carolina giant bluefin fishery. A terrific "how to" that works on either coast. **#10037** 

## Wild Wahoo: Like Nothing Else

There are wahoo, or skinnies – and then there are all other gamefish. That's the Gospel truth on light tackle. Put the initial run against other swimmers and the 'hoo is a world-class sprinter – most everything else is a pack mule.

The nay-sayers decry this swifty's staying power after that first electrifying dash, but how do you they account for the fact as many fish are lost as landed? With the wahoo, you get a package deal. An incredible rip; a mouth as tough as a hatch cover; and fillets that make others seem like lunch meat.

So how fast are they? We're not talking stop watch now, but get this. If you're a step slow up the rail - and it happens - the anchor rope is entirely at risk. More than once, skippers heading to the Ridge or Magdalena Bay off the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula, have had these lines severed or nearly so by hooked fish. Like a weed eater on the prowl, flashing wahoo make

monofilament cuts through one inch rope in seconds.

Even in the most frantic feeding modes, these gashers will find a way to come loose - making even the most experienced hands shake their heads. Watch one of the hot videos on the species and you get a feel for the deal. But really, only a taste. Wait until one passes by the stern in a heartbeat -

speed and razor sharp teeth... Wahoo are

a league

World-class

of their own

and you're holding onto the rod in pursuit.

But as much as with their speed, the 'hoo beats you with its mouth. Anglers just talk, wahoo destroy. As experts will tell

you, that very tough jaw is almost impenetrable. The whole top of their mouth is bone and you need technique and more than a little luck to stay

Wahoo like this are suckers for an accurate cast of a Wahoo Bomb and fast retrieve.



When trolling plugs fr om the corner of the transom, drop it back just five or six feet behind the flat lines and use them as teasers. When trolling combinations, the use of plugs keeps the

razor mouths from erasing your expensive, plastic sur face skirted lures

connected. To hear deckhands talk, it's a regular occurrence to sting one with a gaff – and watch the hook or lure fall out of its mouth. Without constant tension, only the point holds the fish. Getting past the barb probably takes help from Poseidon himself.

#### **Bait Fishing Wahoo...**

Sure, plugs and bombs are the mainstay of wahoo fishing, but lots are taken with live bait, even chunk – if you're using the right stuff. Of course, you'll need a

69578 forged ...... 8/0 ....... 200 lbs



## **Rigging Gear and Wahoo Lures**

#69585

#69586

#### "the most effective lure ever invented for wahoo"

#### *Marauder*™

The name synonymous with wahoo plugs. Trolled at high speed, the hard, tail-beating action draws savage strikes from the world's flashiest gamefish. *Marauder* ™ is the true-tracking lure of choice for

Large Marauder Length: 11 inches Weight: 18 ounces Troll: 3 to 10 Knots #914



wahoo catchers from the West Coast and around the world. Pull these lures up to 12 knots and hang on. Rarely needs adjusting, but a slight turn of the line tie will do the trick. The exact angle of the diving face and internal ballast keep the lure working at all times. The remarkable *Marauder's* ™ vibrating action matches that of fleeing mackerel. Better than live bait, this durable plug has the best hooking qualities around with dual, swiveled single hooks.

Shown with Braid Plug Trolling Rig #69585 175-Ibs test #69586 275-Ibs test (See above right)

you can get away with 12 to 18 inches ahead of the hook. Braid's own Wahoo Leaders come with a swivel at one end for connecting to your mono – which keeps a hot mackerel or other big baits from twist-

ing your leader. Figure a 40- to 80-pound wahoo will also go a long way toward dismantling your terminal gear. The swivel's a small insurance policy. Go with a hook to match your bait size – and by all means file those points 'til they cut glass.

But when do you choose live bait for 'hoos? Pay attention to what's going on around you – especially anywhere along Baja's Ridge. One or two tuna fighters will suddenly get cut off, or they may complain that a bait has been cut cleanly in half. Don't hesitate. Grab your wahoo bait rig and pitch with the chum flow.

As there is with any of the finer points, you'll get a difference of as to how to hook your live bait. Some would argue that despite their rapier-like dental work, nose hooking the bait for fish of this caliber is sufficient. The skinnies are more than capable of taking a whole sardine or mack. On the other hand, when cleaning wahoo, crewmen often find nicely cut bait halves in the stomachs of the fish. It's as if the fish took the bait, half first, and turned and took the other.

The answer, butt-hook the bait – that puts the hook in the middle, closer to the cut, no matter which end the wahoo wants.

Don't dismay chunk fishing either. The 'hoo likes meat and when



Wahoo cable bait leaders are perfect for 'hoo, dorado, king mackerel and other toothy critters. Rigged with swivels, these are great using live or dead baits.

MODEL	HEAD	LEADER
#BL 150	#2	30 lbs
#BL 151	2/0	40 lbs
#BL 155	4/0	50 lbs
#BL 162	6/0	60 lbs
#BL 163	8/0	80 lbs

they find it wafting their way, they'll take all they can eat most of the time. When they're finicky, remember, presentation is key to getting a taker.

#### Skinnies on the Troll...

Called the 'most effective lure ever invented for wahoo' the hard beating tail action of the Braid Marauder™ accounts for nearly as many skinnies as all other lures combined. A big plug, with the proper wire harness, will troll unflinchingly at high speeds – certainly much faster than you would for tuna. Rigged with tow big single hooks, the bait gives ▶







## Wahoo Lures



#### More Tools for Toothy Critters...

Along the West Coast, these baits were designed especially for wahoo. But I'll say without fear of rebuttal, these are the best king mackerel lures on the planet."

#06

#31

#17

#14

#12

#11

#04

– Dennis



Large, un-rigged 8"/7 oz. **#539** 

Braid Bomb 3™

**Braid Bomb 3™** Large, un-rigged 8″/7 oz. **#539** 

**Braid Bomb 1™** Large, rigged 8″/8 oz. **#533** 

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**Braid Grenade™** Large 8″/9 oz.. **#519** 

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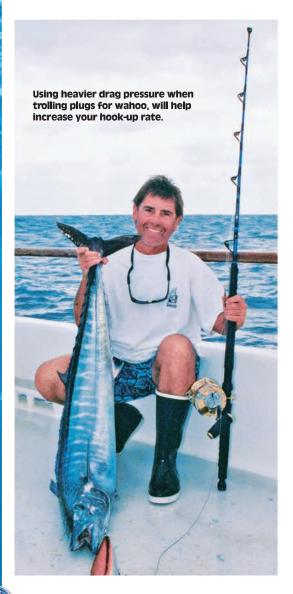
#### Skinnies on the Troll (continued from page 21)

you greater hooking power, even when the fish only slash at the bait. Regular Marauder™ users say you almost always will

get the second hook in the fish – and usually outside the mouth from the head to the gills, which keeps them on.



Sharp hooks are absolutely critical with this lure as well – and perhaps more so. Long range skippers have learned that long hours of trolling in saltwater actually takes the edge off the steel. Never take for granted that all is well at





the end of your line. To forget such details is to give the wahoo and even greater advantage.

#### Bombs Away...

Primarily a casting lure, Braid Wahoo Bombs<sup>™</sup> Bullets<sup>™</sup> Grenades<sup>™</sup> and the like – with their Mylar Glitz (and in some cases added spinner blades), provide everything a wahoo wants – flash, splash and high visibility. This also points out why with any wahoo rig, you always use matte-colored wire and black rings or swivels. Anything that reflects light could draw a strike so you want to make sure that

#### Braid Wahoo Bomb 540™ series

We produce a dozen different types of wahoo casting lures in what has been a West Coast phenomena. The evolution of the method is apparent in these best of the best Bombs. The *Braid Bomb 540* <sup>TM</sup> is unique in that the head has a counterbored hole where the eye of the hook can recess. This puts the hook point closer to the head where the fish strikes and vastly improves your hook-up percentage.

540 Bomb (6 oz. rigged)541 Bomb (6 oz. rigged with Spinner Blade)

all those elements are located next to your hook. Figure most of these lures run from four to eight ounces in weight – lighter perhaps for some trolling applications. The casting models let you send them to the farthest boils where you can rip, drop, skip and grind them into vicious strikes.

And here's a tip. When there's a hook-up on the troll, don't cast or drop back 'on the slide' as you would for tuna. Your hook-up back there on a diagonal cutting wahoo could cost trollers a ton of gear if your fish crosses their lines. Instead, sling your baits well off to the sides of the boat. You'll still get bit. Love that 'hoo fishing!

## **Rigging Gear and Tuna Lures**

Nothing fin-

ishes the job

on a giant

tuna like a

wind-on

leader. That 25 foot length

connected by a triple loop

knot to your 10 feet of

of a Bimini Twist, gives

you the ability to drop

down in gear ratio on

optimum pressure at a

critical time with the

'cow' near the gaff.

your 2-speed reel and put

double main line by way

#### Roll Strike After Strike with...

The most intriguing methods, usually done on the anchor, are those that appeal to the remarkable olfactory abilities of the tuna – especially chunk fishing. With chunks, or even kite fishing with rigged baits, you step up your chances of catching real heavyweights by using a wind-on leader. Having 25 feet of stout mono at the end of your line mitigates abrasion losses – at a crucial time when perhaps half of all big tuna are lost.

#### WIND-ON LEADERS ...



**Braid Power Play**<sup>••</sup> Now you have the control of big fish right up to the boat with leaders you can wind through your tip and guides, right onto the reel. IGFA approved, Braid Power Play<sup>••</sup> comes in 25-foot lengths with a flexible presslock fit and snugging

sleeves connected to a length of woven Dacron. These attach to Momoi, low-visibility, smoke blue mono in 100 to 400 lbs. test. Complete instructions included.

**#69475** Power Play<sup>™</sup> Wind-On Leader, 100-Ibs test w/swivel **#69471** Power Play<sup>™</sup> Wind-On Leader, 150-Ibs test w/swivel **#69472** Power Play<sup>™</sup> Wind-On Leader, 200-Ibs test w/swivel **#69473** Power Play<sup>™</sup> Wind-On Leader, 300-Ibs test w/swivel **#69474** Power Play<sup>™</sup> Wind-On Leader, 400-Ibs test w/swivel

 #69575 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 100-lbs test
 See more

 #69571 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 150-lbs test
 Wind-On

 #69572 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 200-lbs test
 Wind-On

 #69573 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 300-lbs test
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 #69574 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 400-lbs test
 Down ext

 #69574 Power Play™ Wind-On Leader, 400-lbs test
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#### Perfect Bait Imitations...

#### Braid Bullets™

Irresistible trolling bait for smaller gamefish such as yellowfin tuna or skipjack. For bait catching, these are a marlin anglers dream. Available in 2 sizes, rigged with an 8/0 hook and 80-pound wire, or unrigged, and in a wide variety of hot, mylar colors (see page 19).





Dennis' favorite surface trolling lure, Ten Pin's Irresistible, injured baitfish action and frantic, holographic eyes are unmatched for all gamefish. Counter-balanced with an internal weight to 'keel' the bait in an upright positron, the smaller models run to 10 knots and the larger one to a remarkable 18 knots. The Pretlane, high impact bodies have a center slot running the length of the lure for its pre-rigged single hook, while their unique slotted backs allow a second hook too.



See complete color chart on page 28



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#### TEN PIN COLORS

#12-Bonita • #17-Mexican Flag • #20-Blue Mackeral #34-Purple/Silver
#40-Doroado #44-Purple/Black • #46-Cedar • #64-Hot Pink

The Teaser offers up the frantic. erratic action of a live flyer when rigged under a kite, helium balloon of trolled well behind the boat. It's deadly on those days when line-shy game fish are keyed in on flying fish thanks to it big wings that help it skip along the surface while also giving the Teaser a life-like profile. Rigging is easy: just run the leader inside the baits through-body design and crimp or tie on your favorite big-game hook(s). A big circle or J-hook rigged through the back with a 3X treble "stinger" hook trailing behind the bait is one great way to rig the bait. Actually, rigging the Fin Flier is just like fishing it—there are so many options that the biggest decision is how to fish them!

Braid Product's Swimmer Fin Flyer pops, darts and swims behind the boat while being trolled at both high and low speeds. The Swimmer's silhouette is identical to that of a live flying fish thanks to the wings being set in close to the baits' body. Couple the design with a great bubble trail, and it makes the Swimmer irresistble to mahi-mahi, billfish and tuna on those days when no other trolling lure is working. Rigging the Swimmer is easy thanks to its through-body design that allows for the leader to be ran through the bait back allows for tandem hooks, or just a single hook coming out the back. In fact, rigging the Fin Flier is just like fishing it: the biggest decision is how to troll them, be it on its own, behind a daisy chain or as a teasre in front of your favorite trolling here

Available in sizes 5" 7" & 10" and 6 Monster Fish Attracting Colors. Try these new innvoative lures from Braid Products











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## Colors

#03 - Green Mamba
#04 - Black/Purple
#09 - Skipjack
#20 - Blue Mackerel
#21 - Red/White
#31 - Purple/Pink
#33 - Flaming Trout
#41 - Orange Mackerel
#40 - Dorado
#42 - Black/Orange
#50 - Black/White
#65 - Hot Pink



## THUMPER SQUID/ SEA FOX COLORS

**\*38-MIDNIGHT \*28-GOATFISH \*41-ORANGE/MACKEREL Pishing Techniques & Applications** Our new Braid Sea Fox and Thumper Squid have been

carefully designed to be fished in a wide variety of water depths and for a wide variety of fish, for both inshore and offshore situations. They come in 8 different weights to accommodate all desire water depths and fishing applications. The Sea Fox jigs can be fished 3 different ways, depending upon where the angler connects his line to the jig. They can be either trolled, cast or jigged for bottom fishing applications, giving these Jigs tremendous versatility. The Thumper Squid jigs are perfect for all bottom-fishing applications—either inshore or offshore, depending on water depth. The lighter jigs in both models (3/4 oz, 1-1/2 oz, 2-1/4 oz and 3 oz sizes) can be fished where water depths range from 4 feet to approximately 30 feet in depth. These smaller sizes are perfect for all Inshore applications. The heavier jigs in both models (4-1/4 oz, 5-1/4 oz, 7 oz and 10-1/2 oz) can be fished for all deep-water applications up to 200 feet. These beautifully finished jigs come in 5 colors, one for almost every need the angler might have; our brilliant colors are; #28-Goatfish, #31-Purple/Pink, #38-Midnight, #40-Dorado, and #41-Orange Mackerel. Try our new Sea Fox and Thumper Squid Jigs today! Braid Jigs - JUST ADD WATER!



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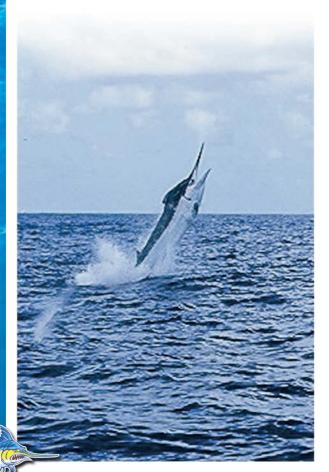
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#### Capt. Pete Groesbeck on Locating Marlin



Capt. Pete Gr oesbeck is a tour nament-tested marine consultant with over 30 years experience catching (and releasing most) marlin ar ound the world.



Fundamental to billfishing world-wide is locating them, followed by presenting the right lure.

As much as any species that swims, undersea structure changes are magnets for these magnificent gamers. But the angler's perspective must expand well beyond the modest depth ranges found inshore – and our 50 to 150 fathoms near significant

canyons which are the fast lane for trophy-class fish. In every

ocean, the vast surface is often the same, but the depths below, especially those swept with the cleanest, warmest blue water, you can find marlin

related to specific contours.

Giant billfish, and their prey, are sensitive to optimum conditions you should be too

Every captain keeps a keen eye on

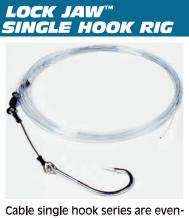
water color, and attendant water temperature.

The growth in the use of satellite imaging of sea surface temperatures is a direct result of anglers understanding there is too much ocean out there to search, even when depths are charted. Oceans are in constant flux, so having an up-to-date view of the sea temperature profile puts boats and billfish on the same page.

Ocean currents are also crucial to finding marlin, whether borne of significant temperature gradients or mere upswellings. Be ever watchful of rips. They hold the bait and thus draw gamefish to the surface as few other phenomena. In some cases they're formed by water deflecting off 'high spots' in the depths below, further reason to make bottom structure your first target.

Smaller eddies of warm water off the huge, combative flows or masses of water are much easier to fish. Once on, or even near the fishing grounds, pay close heed to temperature. The satellite data gets you close, your own temperature gauge tells you what's below in your very location. Work the temperature changes, even miniscule changes. Giant billfish, and certainly their prey, are sensitive to optimum conditions you should be too. Then treat these changes as if they were actual structure features, crisscrossing edges in order to put your lures in front of them.

Marlin hunting, of course, will always be a visual game. Scanning the skies > see p30



ly matched with mono leaders of 12' with cable and big game hook and swivel. Complete with extra crimp and thimble.

MODEL	HEAD	LEADER
#CS 156	5/0	150 lbs
#CS 157	7/0	150 lbs
#CS 150	8/0	150 bs
#CS 200	9/0	200 lbs

## Rigging Cear and Billfish Lures



World-Wide Success Marks

#### Lures Reputation...

You'll find every style, color and size of *BiteMe* <sup>™</sup> big game trolling lures to meet your needs, no matter where you fish or what species you're after. Pushers, poppers, divers, darters, wobblers or straight runners – they're all here and proven to perform in every ocean. Marlin, sailfish, tuna, king mackerel and mahi-mahi can't resist taking a bite.

Craftsmanship and innovation mark every BiteMe ™ lure. Each airbrushed head is counter-bored from the rear for closer placement of the forward hook. The heads themselves are made from precision lathe-turned and lazer-cut acrylic, complete with reflective prism tape and holographic eyes. And each lure is adorned with a striking vinyl skirt. Match these up with Braid's Lock Jaw ™ hook leader rigs (see below) for top performance.

#### LOCK JAW DOUBLE HOOK RIG



Cable double hook rigs are evenly matched with mono leaders of 18' with cable non-chafing gear between extra strong 7601 style hooks (see page 11). Complete with extra crimp and thimble.

MODEL	HEAD	LEADER
#CD 156		150 lbs
#CD 157	7/0	150 lbs
#CD 150	8/0	150 lbs
#CD 200	9/0	200 lbs
#CD 300	11/0	300 lbs
#CD 400	12/0	400 lbs

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#### Braid Boomer 2<sup>m</sup>

Braid

#605

#604

Length: 15 inches Diameter: 2-1/2 inches Trolling: 7 to 10 knots #512

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Braid Rover Length: 13 inches Diameter: 1-5/8 inches Trolling: 7 to 10 knots

#15

#10

**#09** 



Braid Sea Dog" Length: 13 inches Diameter: 1-5/8 inches Trolling: 6 to 8 knots #502

Braid Flat Top" Length: 11 inches Diameter: 1-1/2 inches Trolling: 7 to 10 knots

**#509** Sea Serpent<sup>™</sup> (md) Length: 9 inches

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Diameter: 1-1/4 inches Trolling: 6 to 8 knots #609

Braid Sea Bee Length: 10 inches Diameter: 1-1/2 inches Trolling: 6 to 10 knots #608



#### See color chart on page 30



**Sea Beast**\*\* (9") Length: 9 inches **Diameter: 1 inches** Trolling: 7 to 10 knots #602

Little Trooper Length: 10 inches **Diameter: 1 inches** Trolling: 8 to 12 knots #504

## On the Brink? Drop Back for Marlin



#### Mike "the Beak" Hurt on Catching Marlin

Nothing puts fire in the eyes of an offshore angler like a wildly excited billfish, fully lit and in its attack mode – especially when it's chasing one of your baits. A surge of energy races through your veins: the message speeds to your brain, "a fin, color spot or bill" – all indicators you've raised a fish in the pattern. With lures in position, popping and spooking as they chug on, the predator continues stalking your offering.

Another boil – a slash from a bill, or at times, just a 'window shopper' as you stand and behold, adrenaline pumping wildly. You watch in awe and bursting with anticipation. Hours of trolling have taken you to this moment on

the brink. Then the fish, in its vibrant presence, seems to hesitate. Is there anything you can do?

Experienced anglers know this game. Here's how they handle it.

#### Drop Back or Bait and Switch...

For simplicity sake, the term "drop back" is more of a West Coast method used with live bait. "Bait and switch" is common with dead or artificial

baits. The idea is similar in both methods. Offer a fish raised on trolled enticers (teasers, lures or rigged baits) an alternative. Anglers use these techniques when they want to fish with light line; ease the fish up for fly-fishers; or insure the angler of getting a more solid hook-up. When using live bait for the drop back,

you should pre-rig your rod with appropriate sized hook

Doracio Teaser" Length: 18-1/2 inches Weight: 4 pounds Troll: 6 to 10 Knots #52270

#### Braid Super Teasers"

Attract the ocean's biggest gamefish with these world-class fish teasers. Large profile, subsurface attractors with mirrored panels and eye-popping colors to pull the big ones in from long distances. Ideal for the bait and switch technique described by "Beak" on these pages.

Super Swimmer Length: 17-1/2 inches Weight: 3-1/2 pounds Troll: 6 to 10 Knots #52260

> Lightning Bolt" Length: 21-1/2 inches Weight: 3 pounds Troll: 7 to 12 Knots #52200

BIE ME! and a long enough wind-on leader to protect your main line from chafing. Add a swivel in-line about three feet up from the hook. The swivel must be of high quality and size so that it will hold up to the fish you're targeting and it must pivot freely (see page 20 and 21 for hooks, and right for the perfect leader rig). Hook a live bait and keep it in the live well. The swivel allows the bait to swim freely in the tank without twisting the line.

Commonly the bait is hooked cross-ways through the nose. An alternative that also works well for me is to back hook the bait. Penetrate the bait above the backbone, between the back of the head and the dorsal fin. This will cause the bait to dive deeper. Bridle the bait through the eye sockets or back for a more secure hold.

When you raise your target fish, drop the bait back to it. You must know where that is, or you could miss your chance. Once the bait is in position, gradually slow the boat to an idle. Hold the rod tip high with the reel in free-spool, thumb on the spool. Get any other lures teasers ▶see p30



**Braid Boomer 1** Length: 14 inches Diameter: 2-1/2 inches Trolling: 7 to 12 knots

#511

Trolling: 7 to 12 knots

Braid Bully" Length: 13 inches Diameter: 1-3/4 inches Trolling: 6 to 10 knots #510

Sea Serpent<sup>™</sup> (lg) Length: 12 inches Diameter: 1-3/4 inches Trolling: 7 to 10 knots #610

Prime Mover Length: 13 inches Diameter: 1-1/2 inches Trolling: 7 to 10 knots #507

Braid Sea Bee™ Length: 10 inches Diameter: 1-1/2 inches Trolling: 6 to 10 knots #608

Sea Beast™ (12") Length: 12 inches Diameter: 1-1/4 inches Trolling: 7 to 14 knots #601

Braid Banshi\* Length: 9-1/2 inches Diameter: 1-1/4 inches Trolling: 7 to 12 knots

Little Digger Length: 10 inches Diameter: 1-1/4 inches Trolling: 6 to 8 knots #506





West Coast-style live bait rig allows bait to be prehooked in the tank – ready for drop back when marlin appear behind the boat. Comes equipped with 8/0 live bait hook, swivel and wind-on leader loop for easy connection to main line.

MODEL HFAD LEADER 



See color chart on page 30

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**#04** 

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## Tuna: A High Speed, High Energy Challenge



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No fish intrigues me like the tunas. Acutely modified for their pelagic environment, these high speed, highly migratory fish may reach a speed of 50 miles per hour while feeding and when in a schooling mode may travel en masse



Breezers, Foamers, Jumpers, Boilers

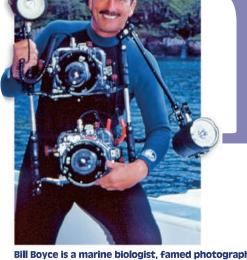
- appearing or disappearing almost instantly.

The tunas are eating, growing and reproduction machines, feeding primarily on smaller bait fish and squid. Their ability to eat and digest at a rapid pace enhances their rapid growth. It also makes them, in many cases, willing chasers of tuna lures.

These fish exhibit incredible vertical migration within the water column While they spend much of their time at depths of 400 feet or more, they periodically surface in search of schooling forage and when intercepted may display a variety of behavior patterns. We refer to these patterns usually as breezers (in the West), foamers, boilers and jumpers.

To the sportfisherman, these behavior patterns can be of vital importance as to lure selection, trolling patterns and merely how to approach a school of tuna. Knowledge of tuna behavior is borne of years of tuna fishing experience plus the observations of commercial spotter plane pilots who have enlarged perspective flying 1,000 feet above sea surface. Among this knowledge is the recognition that tuna schools that have split up after feeding, actually find their way back to a feeding area by taking a zig-zagging route until they pick up their own scent trail which leads them in.  $\triangleright$ 

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Bill Boyce is a marine biologist, famed photographer and veteran tuna chaser having pursued giant yel lowfin and other species from Califor nia to Peru.

#### Best for Boilers and Jumpers...

#### The Big Eye Rocket™

is a proven producer world-wide. Swims with a natural squid-like appearance, leaving a thin bubble trail that draws fish right to the lure. Great bait for flat line or center line trolling. (See marlin lure color chart for even more color options page 25).

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**Big Eye Rocket**<sup>\*\*</sup> 9 inches, 3/4" inch diameter, trolls 6 to 12 knots. **#515** 

#### Large Big Eye Rocket"

11 inches, 1 inch diameter, trolls 6 to 12 knot. **#516** (Shown at top of page)

- #05 Black Green
- #13 Squid
- #16 Zucchini
- #21 Red/White
- #39 Blue/Green/Gold
- #51 Blue/White



#516

#### Bill Boyce on Catching Tuna (continued from page 28

Breezing fish are moving fast. They're tightly schooled and swimming near the surface. It's their tail beat motion that creates turbulence on the surface that

makes it appear as wind-chopped (thus the term 'breezer'). Interestingly, on a choppy sea, the same Behavior can be seen as patches on smooth water, either downwind or crosswind. Trolling the perimeter of the school with feathers or Ten Pin<sup>™</sup> plugs will often result in a hook-up without spooking the rest of the school.

As for 'foamers', these are schooled tuna engaged in tight, voracious feeding activity. The water is literally changed to foam as the school has the bait tightly balled and is attacking it in force. To get the tuna to bite in this situation, it's best to 'match the hatch.' The feeding style displayed is very selective and you need to fish baits or lures which closely resemble the forage species.

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It's remarkable how small the forage may be. It would not be uncommon to see a 200-pound tuna feeding on anchovies or small sardines just three inches long.

Approach a school of foamers upwind with engines off – especially if you're up against the warier bluefin. Chrome jigs and some soft plastics cast to them may coax a hook-up.

No expression gets the adrenaline pumping like shouts of "boil!" yet boiling fish behave that way for a reason. When bait (and chum) is present, but scarce in its amount, the tuna will often be more scattered and tend to work the bait in small groups. When the bait is pushed to the surface, the tuna turn, eat and dive, producing the 'boil.' Because of the competition for a limited amount of bait, boiling fish are less wary and will take a wider variety of lures and baits. Trollers score with surface trolled Tuna Teasers<sup>™</sup> or subsurface Little Speedy<sup>™</sup> plugs or a combination.

When tuna are preying on flying fish or baits right at the surface, it's not uncommon to see them jumping. These 'jumpers' can be seen from great distances with the fish in a very excited state. The bait fish under siege are going to be moving rapidly and the school of tuna will be hard to keep up with. Fast trolling light, skipping lures of bullet head feathers such as the Big Eye Rocket<sup>™</sup> will catch the eye of these violent tuna and result in wicked strikes. If you can get within range, casting a Popdancer<sup>™</sup> and skipping it on a rapid retrieve will also deliver.

#### To Please 'Em, You Gotta Tease 'Em

#### Tuna Teasers

8 inches long and weighing 6-1/2 ounces – These heavy-headed lures run deep even in rough water – a big plus when going for big tuna. Clitter heads with matching skirts and holographic eyes dazzle the big fish. **#524** 



#16 #31 #40 #29 #04 Black/Purple #05 Black/Green #10 Green Mackerel #16 Zucchini #20 Blue Mackerel Red/White #21 #7A Yellowfin Tuna #29 Pink/Orange #31 Purple/Pink #40 Dorado Black/Orange #42 #44 Blue/Green Purple Mackerel #55

## Smokin' Hot Lures & Colors

#### Location Crucial to Catching Marlin (continued from page 24)

for the presence of birds is as fundamental to the sport as new drag washers. But don't overlook weed lines which gather the wind currents, disperse and gather again. Their very, collective presence in the fishing grounds often draws baitfish and provides a feeding zone for Big Bill. Without food, you won't find a volume of fish.

Making correct assessments is much increased by the use of graph sonar, especially color sonar. The presence of bait, even well below the apparent 'pulling range' of your teasers, still signals you're in the right zone. You may have to make repeated passes through an area to get a fish to rise, but those passes may not have been taken without the sonar indications.

Temperature clines are also vital. With colder water sinking, look for both bait and marlin to ride above these distinct layers of water. But don't expect them to lay flat like so many bed sheets. Underwater features jutting well off the bottom may actually push warm water layers closer to the surface – making them ideal locations to pull your baits.



#### Drop Back or Bait and Switch (continued from page 27)

out of the way. When your fish strikes, let it run for a few seconds; put the reel in gear; wind into the fish until the line comes tight; then strike the fish. Keep winding and striking until the line comes off the reel under drag pressure.

Bait and switch still requires a wind-on leader, but without a swivel, keep the rigged dead bait on ice, and when you raise the fish, the routine is much the same. Many captains prefer tc keep the boat going ahead at the same time. You don't have tc worry about the bait tearing off the hook if it's rigged correctly. Sometimes the crew will patiently tease the fish closer (but without hooks on the trolled lures). This excites the fish so much that when you switch, the fish charges the bait like a linebacker on a running back... you're on!

With practice, teamwork, diligence and the right tackle these techniques can take your marlin success to new heights.



## Braid Sea Gator™

The unusual *Sea Cator* <sup>™</sup> has a wide range of applications from slow trolling to skip jigging and is available in a variety of weights from 2-1/2 to a whopping 11 ounces. The tight action of this jig is enhanced by its elongated, leaf-shaped body and flat underside. A cross section look reveals its triangular configuration, with a wider tail section which keeps the bait running true. Five chrome and prism finishes and 3-D eyes give the *Sea Cator* <sup>™</sup> its unmistakenable look.





#### Fighting Technique

**More Power.** (continued from page 7) Once you settle down on a truly giant fish with Braid's latest high-tech bucket harness (Power Play or Brute Busters), you'll be able to exert maximum force on the fish and still be there at the end of the fight to tell about it. With the fish on the run, all you need to do is get into a semi sitting position, leaning back against the orce of the fish. This way you counterbalance the pull of the giant – and don't over-tax your back, arms and legs. With your feet about 24 to 30 inches apart, knees bent, with one foot slightly forward or behind for balance, you can raise the rod by squatting. As you elevate or begin to stand, you take quick half to full cranks on the reel – to gain whatever line you can. Repeat the squatting-to-lift, standing-to-reel pattern over and over. The bucket method allows you to put a 'finishing' amount of pressure on the fish close to the boat for tagging or to have rod harness properly adjusted. Set up with your knees slightly bent. You want to have the rod at abou a 35 to 40 degree angle so when you lean back, your rod raisest and gives you lifting power. A rod adjusted too high does just the opposite. The key is to exert maximum force, with a minimum of effort: it's what Braid belts and harnesses are all about.

## Pro Series







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### Tools & Accessories

**HD** Crimper #32912 · 10-1/2"

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> Pre-Calibrated

- Crimp from 50# to 500#
- > Titanium Matte Finish Crimp from 50# to 500#
- > Non-Slip Grips > Heavy Gauge Handles
- > Stainless Steel

Mongo 55 Tuna Hooks **69012** ... 12/0 **69013** . . . 13/0 **69014** ... 14/0 4 pack **69015** . . . 15/0 69016 ... 16/0 Mongo 55 Curve Point **69260** . . . . 6/0 **69270** . . . . 7/0 4 pack **69280** . . . . 8/0 69290 .... 9/0 69210 ... 10/0 2 pack



	<b>69360</b> 6/0
4 pack	<b>69370</b> 7/0
	<b>69380</b> 8/0
	<b>69390</b> 9/0
2 pack	<b>69310</b> 10/0
	<b>69311</b> 11/0
	<b>69312</b> 12/0

Opener #32913 > Ergonomic Handle > Lightweight

Split Ring

- > S/S Construction
- > 2-Position Opener
- > Mono Cutters



Slimline Swivel 5 pack

**39218** . . . 150# 39219 . . . 200# 39220 . . . 700# **39221** . . . 300#

39217 ... 100#



Aussie Swivel 32922 . . . 700# 32923 . . . 300# 5 pack

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Teardrop Swivel 32924 . . . 300#

32925 . . . 150# 5 pack



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ŧ	32947.	. 7 .	. 250#	
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Power Crimper #**32914 •** 7"

- Ergonomic Handle
- > S/S Construction
- 4-Position Crimper
- 0.1 to 2.0mm
- > Mono & Cable Cutters



#### Ball Bearing **Swivel** 5 pack

MODEL SIZE RATING MODEL RATING SIZE 32933...3..100# 32936...6..300# **32934**...4..150# **32937**...7..400# 32935...5..200# 32938...8..500#



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#### **Reel Sacks**<sup>™</sup> and Rod Sleeves<sup>™</sup>

Braid's rod and reel covers are perfect for protecting your offshore tackle from salt spray and scratches while riding to and from the fishing grounds. Made from thin, waterproof material, the covers compress and store easily in your pocket. Reel Sacks ™ feature a drawstring, white Rod Sleeves ™ attach with velcro.

**#82540** Reel Sack<sup>™</sup> small for up to 6/0 reel

**#82541** Reel Sack™ medium for up to 6/0 reel

**#82542** Reel Sack<sup>™</sup> large for reels up to 130

**#82543** Rod Sleeve™ for rods up to 50" long\*

**#82544** Rod Sleeve™ for rods up to 55" long\*

**#82545** Rod Sleeve<sup>™</sup> for rods up to 60" long\* \*Measured from reel seat to rod tip



Increase your catches of grouper, bass, sharks, tuna and other chumloving pelagics. The chum *Mate* ™ can be mounted permanently or for those who wish to not bolt into their hull – it can also be attached with suction cups. All hardware is included foreither method. including a safety line.

Chum Mate TM includes chopper with stainless steel blades (also sold separately as a back up) that cuts and dices chum while squeezing it through its built-in ports.

#CHMO0 (Chum Mate™) #CHMO2 (Chum Mate Chopper) The Best in Chumming Tools!

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#CHM01 (Chum Mate Suction Cup Kit)

## **Braid Diamond Blade File**



Sharpness is crucial to penetrating the bony mouth of a fish. Diamond particles make these blades stronger than steel – you'll be able to put a razor -sharp point on everything from a 14/0 to a #20 fly hook.

Individuals: Course **#32903** Medium **#32902** 

#### SharPoint File™



Completely rust-proof 2-sided diamond file has coarse 100 grit and fine honing 220 grit surfaces. From fillet knives to stainless steel hooks – you need this tool. **#32904** 

## Accesofies





Popping & jigging leaders; With the new wind on popping and jigging leaders simply attach to mono or spectra and wind onto your rod. The popping leaders have a unique special mono "weave" that adds to the shock and toothy durability while still maintaining the flexibility of single strand mono. The added weave higher on the leader protects the leader from rod tip wear caused by hours of casting. Popping leaders come in tests from 40# to 150# for rod lengths 7 1/2' to 8 1/2'. Jigging leaders work the same as popping leaders but with the shorter "weave" just for jigging





70140 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 40 lbs 70160 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 60 lbs 70180 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 80 lbs 70100 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 100 lbs 70120 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 120 lbs 70150 - Ezz Popping Leaders 7' 6" 150 lbs 70240 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 40 lbs 70260 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 40 lbs 70280 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 80 lbs 70200 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 100 lbs 70220 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 100 lbs 70220 - Ezz Popping Leaders 8' 6" 120 lbs

## JIGGING LEADER SIZES

70340 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 40 lbs 70360 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 60 lbs 70380 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 80 lbs 70310 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 100 lbs 70320 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 120 lbs 70350 - Ezz Jigging Leaders 6' 150 lbs





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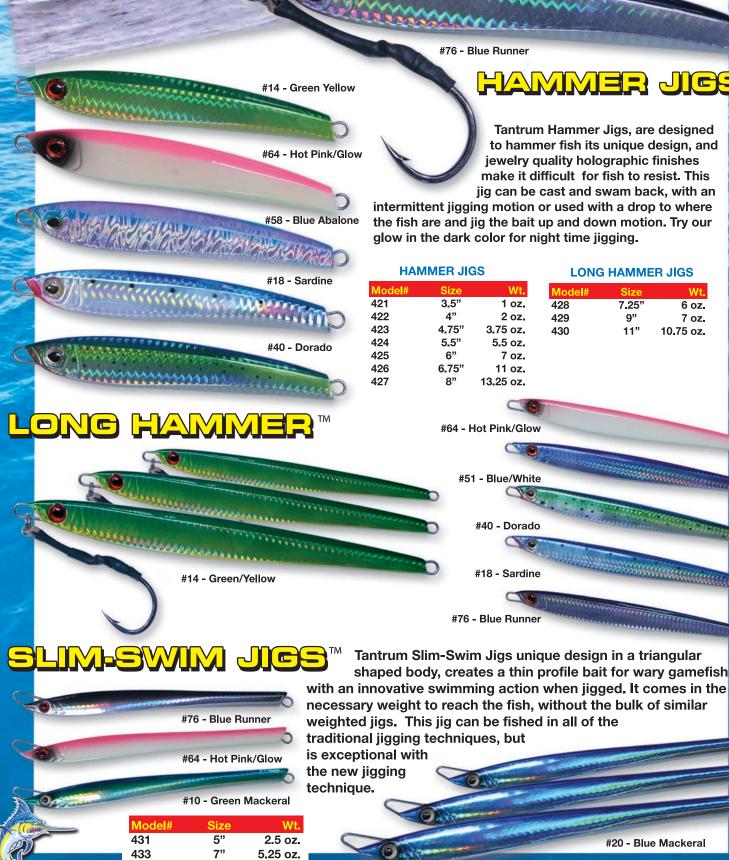
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#20 - Blue Mackeral

#### **PRO-SERIES**







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#20 - Blue Mackeral

Perfect for trolling or casting to feeding fish. Tuna, Dorado, Wahoo, Stripers and other surface feeders will chase this bait down from long distances due to its tight swimming action and highly reflective holographic finish. This bait comes with a metal bill and runs 8' to 12' deep. It is recommended that you troll at a maximum of 8 to 10 knots in calm

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seas with the solid body and 6 to 8 knots for the jointed plug. Rigged with heavy duty 4 x strong hooks & 500 lb. test through body wire connecting hooks.

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#24 - Yellowfin Tuna













## Braid Products to debut it's patented drain plug wrench at Fred Hall

"It's one of those things that you would have thought that someone would have come up with 10 years ago." That's what Dennis Braid of Braid Products says of the newest innovated product to come from Braid: a drain plug wrench.

But not just any drain plug wrench. A multi-use tool that will remove all twist-in drain plugs, while also having a built in compartment to hold spare drain plugs — or the one you just took out of the boat — in addition to being a floating key holder.

The features and benefits of this little drain plug wrench that will make boating easier for all boaters is extensive. Two of the biggest: it fits all plugs, and will even remove plugs that have corrosion built up around them.

A plastic body means that it will never rust — you'll never be stuck with a stuck drain plug again.

- **Floats**
- High Visibility
- Key Ring
- Removes drain plugs
- Tightens plugs
- Fits all twist in plugs
- Space for spare plug
- Peggable clam pack
- Patented
- No other similar product
- Everybody with a trailerable boat is a customer
  - Made of high impact plastic

# CAS OR DIESEL SMELLS

## **ON YOUR HANDS!**

**Finally!** A product for the man or woman on the run, soccer mom, maintenance worker or anybody that has to put gas or diesel into anything. Gas N' Go wipes will leave you free from those nasty smelling gas or diesel smells instantly.

This miracle product removes gas, diesel or other fuel smells and residue from skin instantly. No more going to work or play with gas or fuel smells from filling the car, boat, motorcycle or RV with fuel.

Removes paint thinner, kerosene or other strong offensive smells.

No need for soap or water. Gas'n Go Wipes come in a quick and convenient soft pack of 10 or 30 wipes. Also includes a skin moisturizer. Work'n wipes are

WORK'N WIPES!

for the everyday person that inadvertently gets grease or grime on their hands from changing a tire, checking the oil, hooking up a trailer, working in the garage or just cleaning the office.

REMOTES GREASE & GROAD

Easy to store and use, Work'n Wipes remove grease and grime from hands, skin and tools. No need for soap or water and also includes skin moisturizers.

Storable in glove, tool, tackle box or your kitchen or office drawer. Economical in quick and convenient pack of 30 wipes.

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## Get More Strikes!

Most fishermen are concerned about attracting fish but now a product that will keep them from repelling those fish with all of the smells they have picked up on their hands that morning. Fish'n wipes is the product that does just that.



## Contains A Fish Attractant!

ISH'N WIPE

Fish'n wipes Remove all offensive odors to fish before fishing, gas, smoke, insect repellent, sunscreen, food smells, etc. allowing for more bites.

At the end of the day, they instantly remove any fish or bait smells left on hands leaving clean hands for the drive home. They come in a quick and convenient soft pack of 30 wipes.

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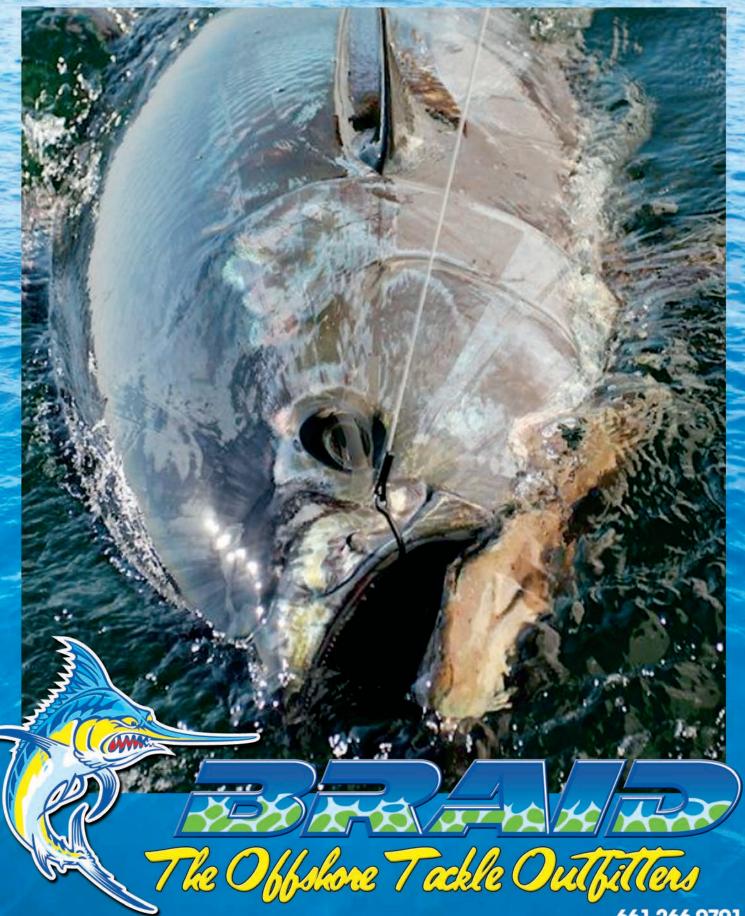


#### Having trouble reminding kids to keep their hands clean? Here's the disinfectant product that they can take with them.

For the kid in all of us, a convenient pack of disinfectant wipes to kill germs. They can easily be stored in a pocket, backpack, lunch pail, purse or desk.

Sold in a resealable convienent soft pack of 10 wipes.





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