



# 3 Shortcuts For Catching Spotted Seatrout In Florida.

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It's spotted (or speckled) seatrout time!

I remember how excited I was the first time I finally figured out how to catch seatrout.

My only regret was that I really wish someone had taught me the three shortcuts that I am about to share with you.

Why?

Because I can vividly recall how frustrated I was getting when I was hardly catching anything on our vacation trips to the coast when I was used to consistently catching bass on the lakes in my hometown... it was painfully frustrating!

To me, fishing was not just a basic hobby to fill in free time... it was an absolute passion.

It is what I spent all of my lawn mowing money on. And I would do all I could do to get out on the water as much as humanly possible.

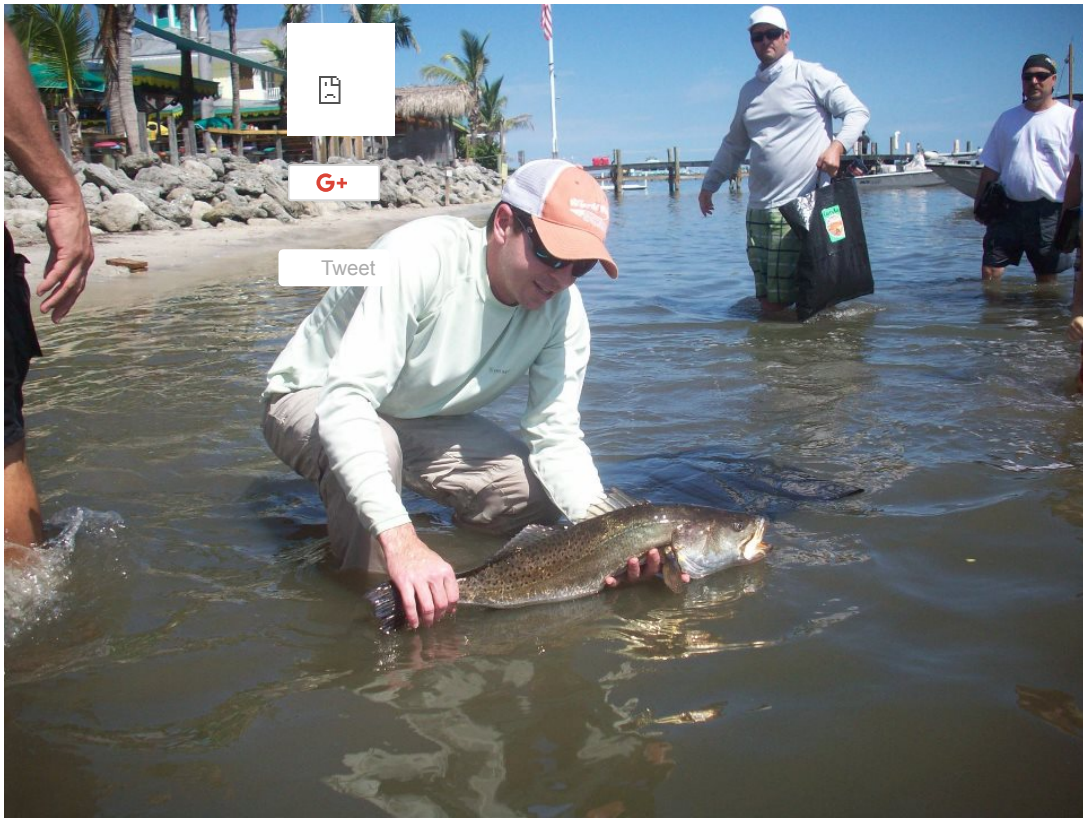


Me @ 9 years old showing off some bass shortly after being allowed to take the john boat out by myself:)

This passion allowed me to become a very accomplished bass angler at a young age, but I had a very difficult time making the proper adjustments to find success along the coast of Florida.

So here are three essential shortcuts that anyone can use for catching seatrout in Florida (and beyond):

## 1. Learn How To Assess An Area For Feeding Seatrout



2nd place trout released from weigh-in from one of my first tournaments... caught on soft plastic bullfrog:)

Learning how to assess an area for feeding seatrout is by far the most important shortcut of all.

It is the core factor causing most anglers to come home empty handed... or nothing more than a measly catfish (which many believe are even worse than catching nothing at all).

To be able to consistently catch seatrout, it is absolutely essential to be able to quickly assess an area for its potential to be a good feeding ground.

Without this knowledge, you'll waste tons of time fishing in spots that have very little chance of success.

Fortunately, finding good seatrout feeding areas isn't complicated and doesn't require a sixth sense...

**In fact, it's actually quite easy once you simply focus on these 3 things:**

1. Structure
2. Bait
3. Current

Yes, these three simple variables will significantly help you find good areas to catch seatrout... even in regions that you've never even been to before which will make vacation trips to a new area even more enjoyable.

Here's a breakdown of what to consider within each of the variables:

## Structure



In saltwater fishing, there are a lot of different forms of structure that often hold predator fish like seatrout, redfish, snook, etc... here's a brief list:



- Seagrass\*
- Oyster Bars
- Points
- Trees/Roots/Stumps
- Rocks
- Docks



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\*For the quickest shortcut for finding seatrout, I recommend focusing on underwater seagrass because seatrout often stay around seagrass beds where they feed and reproduce.

So focusing on seagrass will be key in consistently catching trout, and these areas can be easy to spot from free online maps with the trained eye...



**Note:** Secret tips for reading this online map image example for seatrout feeding areas is explained below the putting it all together section.

## Bait

If we could read a seatrout's mind, my guess is that only two things will be there:

1. Where can I get my next meal?
2. How can I not be a meal to something else?

Knowing that food is one of their primary concerns, it is extremely important to pay attention to what type of bait is in the area you're fishing.

If you're not seeing any type of bait making ripples on the surface or flashing under the water, and you're also not feeling any slight nibbles on your lure from smallmouth bass, snapper, etc., then it's time to move to another spot where more food is present.

When you are seeing bait, make sure to take note of its size and shape so that you can select a lure that resembles the bait that's in the area.

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But when in doubt, a 3 to 4-inch soft plastic jig is a safe bet.

And when using soft plastics, always remember that rigging it is incredibly essential... here's a video showing how to rig one of my favorite trout jigs:



## Current

Seatrout are ambush predators that prefer to stay still and pounce on an unsuspecting prey for an easy meal.

And current significantly helps them get more food with less effort because it allows them to hide in the seagrass while waiting on shrimp or small baitfish to come close to their hiding spot.

So I recommend focusing on areas that are close to passes/inlets that get a good amount of clean running water throughout tidal fluctuations whenever possible.

## Putting It All Together: Structure + Bait + Current

Since seatrout are focused on where they'll find their next meal while being protected from becoming the next meal to something bigger, focusing on areas that have healthy seagrass, bait, and some current is incredibly important.

Having two of those variables is great, but having all 3 should be the core goal.

## Wondering how to find areas with seagrass?

Although nothing beats seeing areas firsthand, there simply isn't enough time in the day to check out all areas from the water.

And of course not all seagrass areas are created equal... here's an easy tip that'll help narrow down your search.

I highly recommend using online maps like Google or Bing so that you can narrow down your search to areas that have grass that's visible from satellite images.

## How To Use Online Maps To Find Seagrass

For seatrout, I have the best results fishing areas with healthy grass with potholes scattered around... from online maps, this ideal bottom looks like a camo pattern (see below):



Screenshot of Google Maps view of a nice grass flat.

As you can see, these online satellite maps can show a very good look at the bottom structure and respective contour. And this helpful insight allows you to put together a good plan before you even get out on the water.

For example, you can clearly see the dark regions (which is seagrass)... and the light areas that are mixed in the dark grass areas are potholes that seatrout often use as ambush points.

Further, you can even use the clarity of the bottom to get a pretty good gauge at the depth of the water.

With this knowledge, you now know what specific areas to target during a certain tide.

For example, low tide would make the deeper spots more appealing while a high tide typically has the fish shifting up into shallower areas to feed.

## How to Determine Water Depth From Satellite Images

To determine the water depth, you simply judge the clarity of the lines between sand and grass to be able to judge its depth.

For example, the edges of sand to grass in the areas where the “Shallow Camo” text is displayed is much more crisp than the surrounding areas which means that it's shallower. This spot is so shallow and clear that you can even see prop scars in the grass (the white lines are from Googlers running over the flat while their prop is cutting up the grass).

**Important Note:** Always be very mindful of your motor when going over grassflats because it takes seagrass a very long time to recover from prop damage... slow down to no wake and trim the motor way up so that it's out of the grass. I even have passengers get up to the front of my boat so that it raises the prop even higher (surprisingly effective for small boats).

## 2. Use The Right Gear



Tony Acevedo with a nice trout while fishing from his kayak using soft plastics

Many people cringe when thinking about having to go to a store to pick out fishing equipment knowing that the budget seems to get overblown every time.

But for seatrout, the tackle used to catch them does not have to be top of the line. In fact, I find that most people spend way more than necessary when targeting seatrout and redfish on the flats and inshore waterways.



Since seatrout aren't the strongest fighters and their teeth (although sharp) are not good at breaking leaders so heavy tackle is not needed.



In fact, I found that I catch way more fish when I'm using my 10 lb braid with 20 lb leader than I ever did when I used to use 20 lb main line to 30+ lb leader... and not just more, I'm catching much bigger fish too.

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So here's what I recommend for seatrout:

- Rod – 7' to 7'6" Medium to Medium Heavy
- Reel – small spinning reel (2000 to 2500 series for most brands)
- Line – 8 lb to 10 lb braid
- Leader – 20 lb fluorocarbon
- Lure – soft plastic bait rigged on a jig head

And here are some specifics for each:

## Best Fishing Rod For Seatrout



Although most people seem to focus on the quality of their fishing reels with little attention paid to the rod, I completely disagree with that order of importance.



For example, I'd much rather go fishing with a \$10 kids reel attached to a good rod, than use a \$400 reel paired with a \$10 kids rod.



This is because the rod does a vast majority of the work:

- Casts bait
- Feels strikes
- Sets the hook
- Works lure (assuming artificial lure is being used)
- Provides necessary bending cushion when fighting fish

Essentially, the fishing rod an extension of your hands and it is in charge of the most important tasks.

So I highly recommend budgeting the most money for a good rod for inshore fishing.

For fishing artificials, I like Medium to Medium-Heavy rods. And if using live bait, it'll to go with Medium rods (many people seem to like Medium Light rods for live baiting, but I have not yet found a ML rod that I like).

## Best Fishing Reel For Seatrout

In contrast to the rod tasks specified above, a reel essentially does only two things:

- Retrieves line
- Provides drag when fighting a big fish

And although these two tasks are important, the difference in smoothness between a basic reel and a top of the line \$400 reel isn't worth the upgrade for most weekend warrior anglers.

And the drag is of course very important, but that doesn't even come into play unless the rod handles its tasks effectively.

Plus, seatrout typically do not fight hard at first so they're easy to pull away from structure when using light line.

And the proper drag setting (<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/proper-drag-tension-for-a-fishing-reel/>) for a reel is just 20% to 30% of the line strength, so the drag needed when using 10 lb line is just 2 to 3 lbs, which even the most basic reels can provide.

So I now stick with smaller reels (2000 to 2500 series) because they are lighter (more comfortable on a full day of casting) with the added benefit of being more affordable. And although small, they still hold plenty of line and even the inexpensive ones provide plenty of drag.

## Best Fishing Line For Seatrout

After I finally was talked into trying out braid after years and years of mono use, I firmly believe that braided line is the way to go for targeting seatrout, redfish, snook, and most other inshore species.

This is because its very thin and non-stretch characteristics combine to allow for much more distance in casting and much better feel of strikes... and these two benefits can be a game-changer for inshore anglers.

But if you're new to braid or you're about to make the jump, make sure to know how to spool it properly as well as which knots to tie because adjustments are necessary for braid because of its slick surface.

Note: Here are two articles that you should read if you're not yet comfortable with braid:

- [Best Fishing Knot For Braided Line \(https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/best-fishing-knot-for-braided-line/\)](https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/best-fishing-knot-for-braided-line/)
- [How To Spool A Spinning Reel While Saving Time & Money \(https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/how-to-spool-a-spinning-reel-with-braid/\)](https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/how-to-spool-a-spinning-reel-with-braid/)

Although braid is much thinner than mono, some anglers chose their braid based on the similar diameter to mono theory... thinking that using a 30 lb braid for seatrout is ok because its diameter is equal to a 10 lb mono... but that sort of thinking will hinder your catch results.

Instead of comparing line diameters to other alternatives in mono, simply put your focus on getting the smallest diameter line possible while still having enough power to land your target species.

And my best answer to that for inshore fishing has been 10 lb braid... not only for seatrout of all sizes, but I've landed 40+ inch snook, redfish, and tarpon on it too so it's plenty strong (knot contests with 10 lb PowerPro using the [FG Knot \(https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/fg-knot/\)](https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/fg-knot/) have surpassed 20 lbs of strength).

*Note: If you're worried that lightweight rods and small reels won't be able to handle a big trout or redfish that hits, then watch the video below where a ~50 lb tarpon is landed on a 2500 series spinning reel with 10 lb braid:*



## Best Leader Line For Seatrout

There seems to be a lot of debate between traditional monofilament line users and those who use the newer Fluorocarbon. In case you haven't heard of fluorocarbon, it's a type of monofilament line that has roughly the same density as water, and it's known to be less visible to fish because it decreases the refraction of light.

The debate against fluoro seems to focus on refraction being the core reason why fish can see line or not (vs. refraction) making the refraction benefit of fluoro a non-issue.

However, there seems to be greater consensus that fluorocarbon is better at withstanding abrasions, so many use it for their leader material knowing that their target species have some sharp teeth.

Whichever type of mono you choose (traditional or fluoro), I recommend using 20 lb leader when targeting seatrout because that's plenty to land even the gators while being small enough to not spook them on days that they're leader shy.

## Best Lures For Seatrout

Seatrout are a favorite species of many inshore anglers because of their propensity to aggressively attack a very large variety of lures.

My personal favorite in terms of fun is to use topwater lures to get them to come up and attack the lure at the surface of the water.

Many great options are available at almost any tackle shop such as spooks, skitterwalks, etc.

But my go-to lure when wanting to maximize the quantity of seatrout that I'll catch is undoubtedly a soft plastic bait rigged on a light jig head. These jigs can get strikes all day long. And they can be successfully worked to target any specific depth that they seem to be holding in.

As for jig head size, I almost always stick with 1/8th oz and focus in on areas that are in 2 ft to 5 ft of water.

For the soft plastics used, I've found plenty of success with from Berkely, Zman, Zoom, DOA, etc. (there are an absolute ton of options).

## 3. Learn How To Use The Right Gear





Trout catch in my first boat... a Carolina Skiff J-16 (before I knew that holding trout this way was harmful to them)

The great thing about inshore fishing is that it's not about having the best boat, kayak, rod, reel, line, lure, fishing clothes, etc... it's all about knowing how to use what you've got.

It's 100% about knowing how to find areas with good fish and then knowing how to successfully use your tackle to generate strikes.

And many of the best fishing areas are accessible by foot or even the cheapest of all kayaks that can be used to simply paddle across a channel to wade fish a good flat.

Best of all, I've found that it's much better to **become an expert at just one lure** than to be decent at using a whole tackle shop full, so you can catch a ton of fish with just using one lure and one rod/reel combo.

And if you decide to make the soft plastic bait rigged on a jig head to be your go-to lure, then here's a video showing some helpful tips on maximizing your results by getting strikes from seatrout that aren't actively feeding.





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**Note:** If you're serious about consistently catching seatrout along with other inshore species, then I highly recommend taking advantage of our 30-day risk-free trial of our Inshore Slammer course... [click here \(https://www.saltstrong.com/inshore-slammer-course-offer\)](https://www.saltstrong.com/inshore-slammer-course-offer) to learn about this popular online fishing course.

## Conclusion



Spotted seatrout on ice

Learning how to catch seatrout can seem like a daunting task. But as you'll find after focusing on the essentials, it's truly not as hard as most people think.

And when you combine the art of knowing how to find areas that are prone to have feeding trout along with the art of generating strikes, you'll find that they days of getting skunked will be a distant memory.

These basic tips should allow you to go out and find the most common sized trout on the grass flats making for many fun memories with friends and family.

If you're interested in learning the secrets to catching gator trout along with redfish and snook, then I highly recommend giving our online fishing course called the **Inshore Slammer Online Fishing Course** a shot because we have a 100% Thrilled guarantee behind it...

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And if you haven't seen the **4-part Trout Tutorial video series with Capt. C.A. Richardson**, I urge you to **click here** (<https://secure.saltstrong.com/trout-mastery-special-offer-4-videos>) so you can get all four videos emailed to you for free.

**[Important Note]:** Of all the inshore fish, spotted seatrout are one of the most fragile of all so it is essential that we take the best possible care of all trout that are going to be released. Click here to see **The Complete Guide To Catch, Photo, & Release Fishing** (<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/catch-photo-release-fishing-best-practices/>).

**P.S.** – If you have any friends who could use some pointers on consistently catching seatrout, please share this article with them so they can have more fun out on the water.

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Hey Luke your shrimp looked like it was rigged upside down but no matter the concept was spot on I like to have my main braid and leader the same test 20lb power pro braid and 20lb inviso line berkly fluoro carbon leader but like I always say what ever works for you is what

matters maybe 10lb works better for you considering your waters are more clear then here in northeast fl?  
Anyways thanks for the great your all awesome in my book 😊

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Hey Steve,

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I like to use the 10 lb braid mostly for increased casting distance... a 20 lb braid is ~50% thicker than a 10 lb braid, and that extra bulk creates a much more drag on the air causing it to not cast as far. Every inch of added casting distance is better and better strike zone territory, so any added distance will undoubtedly result in more strikes.

As for the shrimp, I assume you're referring to the top video showing the Gulp New Penny shrimp which for some reason has the bottom in a dark red with the top in a lighter shade... not sure why they make them in two shades since it seems like shrimp are always the same color on the top and bottom, but that's how they made them.

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Luke,

Member

It looks like in that video where you caught that tarpon, you are using a Gulp Ripple Minnow. Is that right? If so, what is your assessment of that bait compared to other paddle tail models?

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I tried it, so far all I got was how to make 2 knots . 2 weekends going where I know guides go with artificial all we caught was a jack not much better than with popping corks and live bait. bought rigs like you'll use read the sat pictures no luck . Ive fished around the st lucie power plant and queens cove nothing the sat pics you use is "pretty clear" but when I look at the ones for my area its not so clear..

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Be sure to vary the speed to see what they're honing in on. I was out this past weekend and wasn't getting any l in a spot that fish often. Then I got a hit when adjusting the trolling motor with my lure ng on the bottom to realize that they were only hitting very slow moving baits... ended up catching some good trout and an upper slot redfish after making the adjustment.

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Larry



I fish the inlets around Hilton Head 2 to 3 times a week .There is one dock I can pretty much count on catching redfish or black drum but nothing but stingrays everywhere else.Am I just too close to the ocean or what?

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Is there any good seagrass in that area? If so, that's typically the best sort of structure to signal trout grounds.

As for proximity to the Ocean, being close to clean saltwater is a good thing in my opinion, so that shouldn't be a con... best to keep poking around and try out different depths and specifically look for depth changes.

Tight Lines!

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Member

Luke, thanks for the article. I'm successful at finding and catching trout, but on a typical trip I'm catching approx. 15 fish around 13" and only five or so within the Florida slot limit all out of the same spot or school. Do you have any tips for consistently finding larger trout? I know gator trout are less common but I'd like to up the average trout I catch. I've been focusing on grass flats ~3' in depth and been using gulp pogys, suspension baits and shrimp under a popping cork.

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I often find that the ' ' out hold up in better ambush points than the standard barely keeper to under-sized trout. S on the depth changes of the flats (edges of it along with potholes), and you should see you e per catch increase.

For the true gators,  requires an entirely different game plan and I'll be making a course on that later this year.

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Member

For what it's worth )maybe right maybe wrong) but my experience has been that if you've gotten into a spot with "shorts" you might just as well move on to elsewhere if you're seeking slots or bigger. Larger trout prey on smaller trout: if there's numerous smaller trout around chances are there aren't bigger trout there. In other words, when the bigger trout arrive the smaller trout scatter – otherwise the smaller trout become a meal for the bigger trout.

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Great tip Richard! I completely agree with the fact that spots with tons of short trout seem to only be good for small ones.

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Member

I know the feeling of not finding the trout and redfish. I read your articles and they're great, happy to be a member, but I haven't had any luck the last two weekends. I bet I hit 10 different locations in that time.

We did catch some lady fish so at least the line was tight occasionally. But the weather was nice and as was the boat ride so it wasn't all bad.

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Just keep in mind that bluegills and reds are often a bit lethargic during the winter due to the colder than normal water temperatures so that means slower presentation and often smaller baits. Best of luck to you on your next day of fishing Tight Lines!



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Nice article Luke! I'm hoping to catch my first monster trout

Member

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Thanks for making time to leave the nice comment Alan!

Best of luck to you in the search for some gators. Tight Lines!

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Thanks for the great info. You did not specify what kind of reel. In

one picture you have a bait caster on the deck but I see you using to the spinning reel in all of your videos.

Since I fish for both salt and fresh I use half and half in fresh and I use bait casters for targeting stripers in NE when slinging eels, bottom fishing etc. I can throw a boat caster just as far as a spinner. I believe the drag is the most important part of the reel. You can't buy reel with great drags cheaply. But I truly understand where you are coming from. In my youth I caught many a bass on a Zebco, at \$4.99 how could you go wrong. Keep up the great work with a lot of very good info and sometimes things that even make me learn. Pete

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Hey Pete, there is unfortunately not a one-size-fits-all

answer to the spinning vs. bait casting reel question. For seatrout and other inshore fish, I now use spinning reels exclusively because they seem to allow me to work light soft plastics better than bait casters.

Author

But the right answer to that question is to go with whichever one feels most comfortable... both can work equally well when placed in the right hands.

Tight Lines!

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When using Google maps you can put your cursor over a spot and if you look at the lower right of your screen there is an altitude read out. With water it will show a negative number which is the depth of the water under your mouse cursor. You can quickly look at an area and find the holes or shallows of that area.

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Anonymous

tried that with Google earth, but...cursor when placed over land gives + elevation. Cursor placed over water gives only 0 elevation. Don't see any - numbers.

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Thanks for making time to leave the helpful comment, Bob!

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When fishing soft plastics in grassy areas why a jig head with exposed hook vs. "weedless" rigging with an extra wide gap (EWG) un-weighted – or weighted hook? For me, the exposed hook of the jig head invites a higher frequency of snags and has a greater likelihood of gathering free subsurface grass.

Also...in the area I inshore saltwater fish the "weighted popping cork", i.e., Back Bay or Cajun Thunder (Precision Tackle, Inc. <http://www.thecajunthunder.com/floats-pg2.html>) (<http://www.thecajunthunder.com/floats-pg2.html>) is extremely popular for Spotted Seatrout (and Red Drum). Soft plastics, i.e., DOA Shrimp, Berkley Gulp!, etc. are commonly used below the popping cork as well as natural baits (pinfish, shrimp, etc.)

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Thanks for making time to leave the helpful comment, Richard!

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Yes, Cajun Thunder rigs seem to be very popular. My theory is that those rigs are great for dark/murky water when fish need to added sound to track down the lure. I find that I catch more fish in clear to mostly clear water without the float though because it allows me to easily adjust the depth that I'm working the bait when going over potholes, points, and any other depth swing spot that seatrout offer use as ambush points... and this flexibility in managing depth can lead to more strikes.

That being said, both the popping corks and popping cork-free rigs can work in water of all clarity spectrums. So I always recommend going with whichever one you feel the most comfortable using (just wanted to list a pro for cork-free rigs).

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And jig head with exposed hook vs. weedless rigging?

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Both work. I typically go with exposed hook when fishing water that is 3 ft or more, but I almost always go weedless when fishing in water that is less than 3 ft deep.

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Nick



Great tips! Thanks for sharing.

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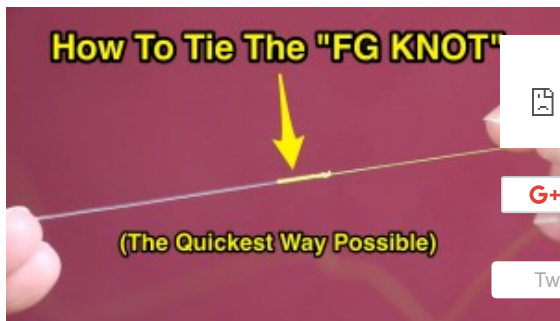
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