

Bendo Meyer (Ben.Meyer@noaa.gov) put this recommended gear list together for us:

The following list of gear may help prepare for the trip. It is by no means a complete list and it probably is more than needed. The rigs listed are just some suggestions. The important point is to have several outfits that allow for fishing different line strengths for bait size and fish willingness to bite.



DUFFEL BAGS

No suitcases! You may want an extra to put dirty clothes in.

CLOTHING

PANTS - Bring a change for each day.

SHIRTS - You may need 1 or 2 each day. If you're sun sensitive long sleeves are in order. Light fabric for quick drying and coolness in warm weather. Sweatshirts are handy for nights and cool weather.

SOCKS - At least a pair for each day.

SHORTS - For those hot sultry summer days.

JACKET - For those cool fishing nights and cooler weather.

SNEAKERS - Bring 2 pair so you'll always have a dry spare.

RUBBER BOOTS - One pair of short, comfortable boots.

HAT - Think sun protection.

LIGHT RAIN GEAR - Very seldom used, but appreciated when it rains.

SUN GLASSES - Polarized to cut the glare. Straps will prevent loss over the side.

TOILETRIES

Bath towel, shampoo, soap, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

Sunscreen (water proof and broad spectrum type)

SEA SICK MEDICATION & REMEDIES

Check with your doc if you want to try Transderm Scop patches. There are several over-the-counter products that are very effective. Generic (Meclezine hydrochloride) is a lot cheaper than Dramamine, Bonine, etc.

A few bottles of "hair of the dog" also seem to work well to add into the duffel. My preference is for a good sipping tequila or whiskey. However, that is strictly personal preference. Be prepared to share!! Also, it seems we have acquired a taste for Macanudo cigars on these trips. Be prepared to share those also!! I put these suggestions under the sea sick section because if you have a tendency to be seasick, you probably don't want to partake of them.

TOOLS

Dykes (cross cutting pliers), hook sharpener, small slot screwdriver (for reel repair). If you have a rod tip glue stick you may want to throw it in.

ROD BELTS

A personal choice as to what is most comfortable for you. Brands -- Ripoff's, Tanaguchi, Braid, Smitty. There are several sizes and a wide price range. (Available for rent at Fisherman's Landing). Cabela's or Offshore Angler have them in their catalogs.

CAMERA & FILM

Your choice (We like digital so we can share the pictures).

Check out the forthcoming cookbook!!



HOOKS

Mustad 94150, Bronze Finish; Size 1, 2, 1/0, 2/0, 4/0 (50 each these guys are cheap and keep well so a full range of sizes won't break the bank), 4/0 & 5/0 circle hooks (5 each), some ringed circle hooks in 3/0-5/0 may also be a good idea (www.ringedhooks.com has an excellent selection of Eagle Claw, Owner, Mustad, Hyabusa, and VMC).

MACKEREL CATCHING RIGS (Optional)

2 Each - Owner Octopus, Yo-Zuri or other type 4 hook rigs

SQUID JIGS (Optional)

2-3 Squid jigs (assorted sizes and colors, white or glow in the dark are the best)

SINKERS

Sliding; 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 4, and 8oz (4 Each)

Torpedo; 4oz, 6oz, 8oz, 12oz (4 Each)

Split Shot PSS-2 (good for Albacore) - 1/4 and 1/2 oz.
(10 each)

Rubbercore - 1/4, 1/2, 1, 1-1/2, 2 oz. (10 each)

Carolina Keepers with a small slider over a large split shot
also works

PLASTICS (For the slide)

2oz Shad Heads (3)

3oz Shad Heads (3)

5" Fish Traps or AA shad bodies (8-10 in asst colors -
Channel Islands chovy, Hologram Sardine and
Hologram Black Shad are some good ones)



CASTING LURES (Optional - But if you want to throw some iron, here's some options)

3 - 6X Jr. yellowtail YoYo irons with trebles (blue/wht & scrambled egg)

3 - tuna YoYo irons with single siwash hooks (Tady BA, Tady 9, 6X Jr., Iron Man, Sumo, etc.) in chrome, chrome/blue, chrome/purple, chrome with glow in the dark. The single hooks are key for tuna but not as important for yellows.

Mega Bait (Anchovy, sardine, mackerel, purple mack) 3" to 4"

P Line Tide Minnows

TROLLING LURES (Optional)

Zuker or Sevenstrand Clones in Mexican Flag, Zucchini, Red/white, Green/yellow colors

Cedar plugs (natural, purple, chrome)

FISHING RIGS (not an option, you definitely need a rod). Calstar and Seeker make great rods. Penn, Shimano and Lamiglass also have good "off the rack" ones

Rig #1 - Anchovies

Line Size: 20# Mono

Rod Size: 196-7 or 270-7. Calstar Grafighter (graphite) 700L or 700ML

Reel Size: Penn 146, GS 525,535, Daiwa SL20SH or SL30SH, Newell 200 series (220,229,235), Shimano Torium. Avet makes a really nice lever drag reel in this size class that has a bearing system to die for.

Rig #2 - Sardines

Line Size: 30# Mono

Rod Size: 670, 870 or 970, Calstar Grafighter 700M

Reel Size: Penn 500, GS 545, 555, Newell 300 series (332,338), Shimano TLD Star 20-40, TLD 15

Rig #3 - Large Bait

Line Size: 40# Mono

Rod Size: 660 or 610, Calstar Grafighter 765XL

Reel Size: Penn 113H (4/0), GS 555, Shimano TLD 20

Rig #4 - Jig Fishing (or for kamikazee fish that will eat anything)

Line Size: 50# Mono

Rod Size: 6465H or 610 Calstar Grafighter 760L (50lb bait), 760M (60lb bait), 700H (jigs)

Reel Size: Penn 113H (4/0), Newell 533 (5.5), Shimano TLD 20II, TLD 30 II. Two speed reels are the best Avet EX 4/02 and Daiwa SLD20II and 30II are some up and coming 2 speeds.

Rig #5 - Trolling (Optional, The boat usually has one you can use when it is your turn to man the rail and watch for the purple helmets to hit)

Line Size: 80# Mono

Rod Size: 6455XXH w/roller guides

Reel Size: Penn 50S International or Shimano 50TI. Use a two speed reel if at all possible.

Charkbait.com has about all the lures mentioned above for internet purchase. Onorods.com has Shad heads and Fish trap lures as well most of the other items listed. Saltwatertackle.com (Fisherman's Landing tackle shop) also has most of these items. swimbait.com and insidesportfishing.com are also sites where you can get gear.

Hope all this helps.

Fair winds! Tight Lines! and Dreams of someone shouting Hook Up!

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