

## **Snarl-proofing Your Spinning Reel Line**

When you're fishing with spinning tackle, it is no fun being on fish and then having a big tangle of monofilament come off your reel when you cast to them. One of the best ways to avoid snarls is to stretch the monofilament once you put new line the reel and you go fishing. Attach the end of the monofilament to a solid structure and then back up keeping tension on the line about 50 yards or so. Set the reels drag on maximum. Really stretch the line good and tight. This will make the mono more limp and less springy.

After doing the above you can also then set the reel's drag to the level you want and according to the line test you are using. You won't have to fool with it when fishing.

### **Easiest way to reduce line twist and tangles.**

- Closing the bail with your hand instead of the reel handle before winding in line will help avoid snarls.
- Before reeling after the cast sweep the rod up or to the side to take any slack out of the line then start reeling, the tight line will help reduce or eliminate loops forming.
- Before every outing, apply some reel / line conditioner like Blakemore Reel Magic as it will lubricate the line and reduce snarls and tangles.
- After fishing it pays to remove the lure and run the line out in the water as you run the boat. Do it for a minute or two. The waters tension will take any twist out of the line. Be sure that when you reel in the line the boat is still in gear and there is tension on the line.

Finally, buy good monofilament line like Trilene XL or Suffix Elite. Poor quality bulk line can cause more problems and saving a few "bucks" is not worth the problems it causes.