



Trolling For Trout with LongLiner™*patented*

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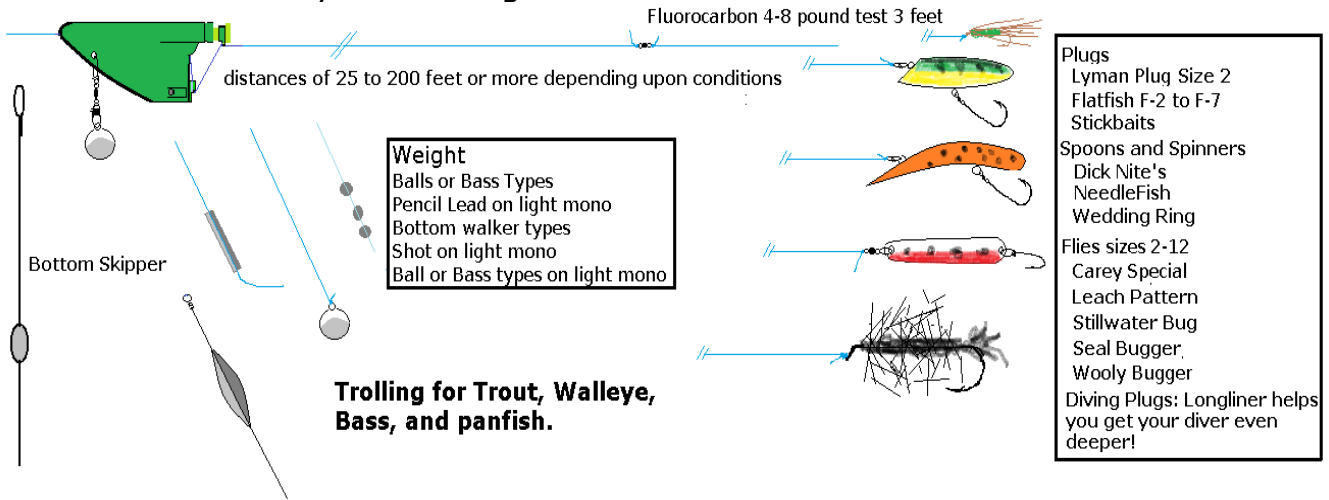


When trout are aggressively taking your fly or lure close to the boat, when the bite is found under the boat, or when it doesn't really matter if you use 2-pound test or 10, then I doubt whether LongLiner will be much use to you. Frequently trout enthusiasts find it is typical for trout to be found in deeper water or become very shy later in the season, and in some lakes they are incredibly sensitive all of the time, making it nearly impossible to present a fly or lure to fish that are not spooked. In these situations, you must cast a clear fly line up to 70 feet, and even then it may not be enough. I have found that trolling is an effective way to catch trout when faced with these types of challenges. Trout, and most often large trout, can be tough to catch. We always say that they get big because they aren't stupid, but the truth is closer to the fact that they are shy and sensitive. One tool in your box that can put you into fish is LongLiner. You can troll a plug, spoon, or fly as far behind your watercraft as you would like. I often troll 60 to 150 feet behind my weight allowing my lure to work unhampered and well away from the boat. Trout are predators, and my bait working far from the boat, alone and vulnerable, is exactly what is needed.

My typical rigging in this situation is a spinning rod or my fly reel loaded with 6-8 pound fluorocarbon line. I also use 6-8 pound monofilament and a 4-6 pound test fluorocarbon leader attached to a tiny black barrel swivel two or three feet above my lure on my spinning outfit. With LongLiner free sliding on my line I can use any amount of weight I need to fit the situation, and often includes shot, hollow pencil leads, or small ball or bank types, on a drop line of one to 3 feet below from my weight hanger. While underway, the line is fed through LongLiner until my lure or fly is my desired distance from the boat, then LongLiner is snapped onto my line and lowered to my desired depth. When the fish strikes, Longliner will release and free slide down to my in-line barrel swivel working like a slip weight, allowing me to land my trophy with ease. [A 7-foot ultra light rod trolling a bait 150 feet behind the weight and landing a fish with ease is what LongLiner is all about.](#)

I have quietly rowed and used an electric motor, dragging a fly with fly line with 20 foot leaders and have been skunked until took off my fly line and used straight fluorocarbon or nylon monofilament on my fly reel, and used LongLiner to get down. There is nothing like hooking large trout on the surface, whether casting to them or slowly trolling, it simply is the best. But if you need to get down, use LongLiner.

Here are a few of my favorite rigs:



Whatever types of trout you are targeting, I am sure that you will find LongLiner to be a great addition to your box of fishing tools. Keep your hooks sharp.