

FISHING TIPS For DEEP COVE

The Deep Cove Trust supports the use by students of barbless hooks when fishing at Deep Cove. Barbs can be removed by either crimping them with a pair of pliers or by filing or grinding the barbs away.

SAFE FISHING AREA:

A photograph defining a prescribed safe fishing area is located on this site by clicking on the “Safe Boasting Area” area on the “Fish and Fishing In Deep Cove” page.

This area is defined as being the area enclosed by an imaginary line between Brasell Point and the Main Wharf. Effectively this is an area within the sight of people at the hostel.

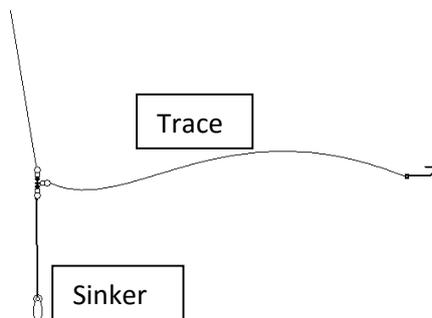
EQUIPMENT:



Short boat rods and reels are ideal but really have no great advantage over fishing with hand lines, in fact the fish don't seem to have a preference for either the bait is all that they are interested in.

Casting out from boats when using rods provides no advantage at all as the depth of the water only a short distance from the shore means that the hook will end up directly below the boat, as it would if simply lowered over the side. Lowering the hook over the side reduces the risk of hooking another person sitting behind or beside the person casting.

Nylon line available from all sports shops is ideal at Deep Cove. As the fish students will mainly fish for are small the hook also needs to be relatively small as well.



Hooks are usually attached to the line about 500mm above the hook either by attaching with a short (About 200mm) trace to the line. If the eye of the hook is large enough to allow a double section of line to pass through it hooks can be attached simply by using enough line to make loop about 200mm long, tying it

off at the line end. This method has the advantage of making the hooks easy to attach and remove from the line by passing the end of the loop through

the eye and then passing it over the end of the hook. A swivel may help to stop the line tangling.

For safety reasons just one hook per line is recommended for students.

PLEASE ensure that no fishing equipment left outside has bait on the hooks as this will ultimately result in a bird such as a Weka taking the bait and ending up with a hook down it's throat.

WHERE SHOULD WE FISH:

Close to the shoreline. The majority of fish are living close in to the shoreline. Although it is possible to catch larger fish further out into the Sound the chances of catching any is greatly reduced.

Close in to the shoreline students can actually watch as the fish take their bait and see the whole process. Fishing for schools at Deep Cove is not so much about catching edible species of fish but about students having the opportunity to catch a fish. For many this will be a first.

RETURNING FISH TO THE SEA:

Unless there is good reason, eg. Bait for future fishing etc. please return unwanted fish to the sea alive. If students wish to observe their catch place them in the aquarium on the end of the seat after filling them with water. Please ensure that any fish and the drain plug are removed before leaving the boat.