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# How NOT to Lose A Fish

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Everyone makes mistakes, but fishermen seem especially adept at granting a hooked fish its premature freedom. The following article discusses 10 simple ways to avoid another tale about "the one that got away."

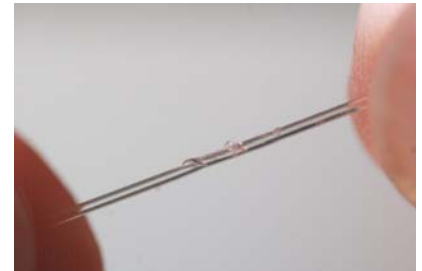
### 1. CHECK THAT LINE

Always check your line for damage after it comes in contact with rocks, pilings, moorings, lower units or any other object. The safest bet is to simply cut off the suspect section and re-rig.

The same applies to your leader. Feel for nicks or scrapes after every fish fight, and replace the entire leader if you detect even a hint of damage. After a prolonged fight with a big fish, such as a tuna or trophy striper, it's a good idea to remove the last 30 to 50 feet of line. That's because the line—monofilament

in particular— can be stretched, twisted and generally weakened by a long battle, contact with the fish's body, or repeatedly sawing over the rod guides. You're best off playing it safe.

Lastly, consider replacing the monofilament on your reels at least once during the season, regardless of how much action it has seen. Prolonged exposure to salt, heat and sunlight can weaken mono and make it brittle. Braided line can withstand more abuse than mono, but it too should be inspected and replaced on a regular basis, depending on how hard you fish. (to page 14)




What do you do when you don't like golf? You go fishing, said Member **BRUCE LAWING** as he displays a 7.8 lb fluke that he caught south of Block Island on June 2

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4 yr old Junior Member **TUCKER JANSEN** with a scup that he single-handedly caught last month off Point Judith