



RESEVOIR TACTICS

This technique works best for live bait and can be modified depending on how fast you troll. I use a Minnkota power drive unit and typically run between speed #3-#5, or for others it is just a slow troll just enough to keep your baits off the bottom. The technique will keep your bait near the bottom of the water column and the stripers that are in less than 30' of water are usually close to that bottom. Hooks are your choice but you will need size #7 split shots for this method.

- *For every ten feet of water use one #7 split shot about four feet above your hook*
- *For every foot of water put one yard of line out*

EXAMPLE- Fishing in eleven feet of water you would put one #7 split shot about four foot from the hook and you would let out thirty three foot of line then clip on your planer.

EXAMPLE- In eighteen feet of water you would have two #7 split shots about four foot from the hook and you would let out fifty four of line then clip on your planer.

EXAMPLE- In twenty eight feet of water you would have three #7 split shots and let out eight four feet of line then clip on your planer.

Current, wind and your speed are the factors of concern. Remember if your getting hung up occasionally on the bottom you doing it right. If your getting hung up every time you get in the target area then either speed up or remove a split shot. A great spread is two planers on each side of the boat, one about 50 feet away and the other about 20 feet away.



HOW TO SET UP YOUR SIDE PLANER:

Place your bait out the proper distance using the above formula. Place the line through the snap swivel and close it, then place the line in the yellow clip (do so by squeezing the center of the clip and it opens) just barely in the pad about 1/3 entrance. Remember a rhyme 'yellow clip is closest to rod tip' and you will have it pointing correctly.

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