

Tips on Running Inline Boards

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Use your clicker on your reels!! With the clicker "on", set the drag just light enough to where it does not click while at speed/setup.

With it set like that a wave can get a click out of it, not every wave but once in awhile is fine. The clicker will go off before a tattle flag even goes down. Even with a very small non walleye it should click very slowly. Even if your not watching your boards at that second, the click tells you something is going on and to pay attention.

Also to help learn to read your boards, run them a bit closer together. Yes, you can end up getting tangles but it will help you to notice when one board just isn't looking right when compared to the other.

Tattle flags only work properly when the tension to the flag is set correctly for each bait/speed being used. You have to tune them just like you have to tune baits to run correctly.

I don't use springs for my tattle flags as I find them much more difficult to tune for each lure/speed. I use rubber bands and can adjust the tension in a couple seconds and get the board right back into the water. Also I've switched to running lightly adjusted front clips and tightly adjusted rear clips. This allows the front clip to release when a fish is on or weeds etc allowing the board to swing back behind the boat, keeping things from getting tangled. With the board running backwards with the front clip released, it is much easier to bring the fish into the boat. I've had fish sink the boards, the front clip releases and the boards do not come off which allows you to keep tension on the fish and not just against the board. Which is when most fish will get off since you don't have any tension on the fish when a board is underwater, you only have tension against the board. The fish are free to do what ever.