

# EQUIPMENT LIST FOR SALTWATER FLY FISHING

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## **"Bare Essentials" (minimum requirements for a single day of fishing)**

- Fishing license with saltwater stamp
- # 7, 8, or 9 weight rod outfitted with:
  - A durable reel with an adjustable drag, loaded with a minimum of 150 yards of backing and a weight-forward floating line in same weight as rod (saltwater line recommended)
- Two 9', 12 lb. Tapered leaders (saltwater style recommended; one attached to line; one for back-up)
- 1 spool of 12 lb. Tippet (saltwater style recommended)
- Fly box with selection of saltwater flies (stainless hooks with barbs pinched down).
- Heavy duty line nippers
- Heavy duty forceps/ pliers
- Hook sharpening tool
- Polarized sunglasses (brown tinted lens recommended)
- Saltwater style wading boots (with synthetic or neoprene socks as needed)
- Brimmed hat or cap
- Swimsuit/ shirt/ shorts/ pants (with a pocket large enough to carry a fly box)
- Sunscreen

## **"Well Prepared" (optimum requirements for several days of fishing)**

All of the above, plus . . .

- Fanny pack or chest pack for carrying gear while fishing (with pocket or space for a water bottle)
- Quick drying fishing style shirts (long-sleeve recommended)
- Quick drying shorts and pants (or pants with zip-off legs)

Store the following in a roomy tackle bag (carry in fanny pack as needed):

- 9', 8 to 16 lb. Saltwater style tapered leaders (a few in each size); shock tippet/ wire leaders as needed
- 1 spool each of saltwater style tippets, 8 to 16 lb. (regular mono and fluorocarbon); heavy mono/ wire as needed for bite tippets
- Knot tying kit (needle knot tool, nail knot tool, etc.)
- Rain jacket and pants
- Sunglass cleaning kit
- Stripping basket
- First aid kit
- Insect repellent and lip balm
- Binoculars
- Stringer and fish cleaning kit (if you care to keep fish)

## **"Ready for Anything" (maximum requirements for extending fishing or travel)**

All of the above, plus . . .

- Back up rods, reels, lines and flies
- Extra sunglasses
- Sun gloves
- Dry bag
- Head lamp or flashlight
- Reel lube and repair kit
- Line cleaning kit
- Compass; GPS unit; maps and charts
- Ketchem Release tool (big bug size)
- Measuring tape
- Bogagrip