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WHAT YOU NEED

- * 50 or 80lb mono, 12 meters lona
- * 6 * 5/0 straight shank (non offset) Limerick Hooks
- * 6 * Green plastic Scad Skirts
- * 1 * Paravane
- * Bean Sinker, approx no. 4

STEP ONE

- 1. Tie perfection loop, or crimp, on one end. This will attach the line to the paravane via a snap swivel.
- 2. Measure down approx. 5 meters and tie a dropper loop. Tie one every metre, another 4.



STEP TWO Pierce top of squid skirt and thread onto dropper



STEP THREE

1. Thread dropper loop through eye of hook and loop over hook

STEP FOUR

Repeat steps two and three with the remaining dropper loops

STEP FIVE

- 1. After the last dropper thread squid onto line followed by a small bean sinker, the hook, tie or crimp.
- 2. The sinker gives the line some weight and keeps it down, also helps to pull away when you place in the water

STEP SIX

1. Attach your completed line to the paravane.

ABOUT THE SCAD LINE

- * Using a minimum of 50lb tackle run the paravane out, approx 30 meters
- Troll along the edge of the reefs in 20 to 50 meters, schools of scad will often show on the sounder
- Once scad are hooked the paravane will trip, this brings the paravane to the surface
- * Wind in as quickly as possible, big predators like the hooked scad
- * When the paravane gets to the top of the rod you still have approx 12 meters of line and hooks out. These need to be pulled in by hand.
- Take care to ensure you don't get hooked. Picture this: You could be pulling the remaining line in by hand and a big Mackerel grabs one of your precious scad...if you are not careful in the way that you handle the line the Mackerel hit will set the hook(s) in your hand.
- Scad lines can be attached to tackle of 50lb & over, inclusive * of hand lines & deck winches
- * Remember only six hooks allowed, Dept of Fisheries Rule.
- * Some choose to use a double scad hook instead of single hooks. Again this is opinion, consult your tackle shop.
- * Green Scad skirts are the way to go!

ABOUT THE PARAVANE

- * The paravane is a device that drags the scad line down, gives it depth
- When the hook up happens the angle of the paravane * changes and it goes to the surface
- The difference between paravanes is the depth they dive to. Opinions differ on size & depth, consult your Tackle Shop



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