

# BALL BOUNCING TECH SHEET

## Ball Bouncing for Halibut . . . California Style



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Halibut fishing in California has taken on a new and very effective technique for catching one of the most favorite eating species of saltwater fish. The technique is called "Ball Bouncing".

Ball bouncing is extremely simple and does not require a lot of expensive equipment. A

sturdy rod, medium to medium-heavy with 20# to 50# line wound on a matching saltwater reel will suffice.

Most charter boats lean toward the heavier combination while many sport anglers utilize lighter tackle in their endeavors. Regardless of the combination you choose, the delectable table fare you take home is well worth the effort.

Basic rigging for this type of fishing includes minimal terminal tackle. The list of items you will need is: A size 4 or larger 3-way or cross-line swivel; size 54 *Duo-Lock Snap*, a 2- to 8-oz. lead or steel ball weight (depending on the depth and speed you troll); a 2/0 or 0 *Jensen Dodger™* or *Herring Dodger®* and a 3-inch or 5-inch Luhr Jensen *B-2™ Squid*.

Tie the main line from the reel and rod to the 3-way swivel; tie 36- to 48-in. of 20# to 40#

leader from there to the dodger; then 12-in. to 24-in. of the same weight leader to the B-2 Squid. Run 16-in. to 24-in. of 12# to 20# dropper leader to the *Duo-Lock®* snap which connects to the weight. Use as much weight as necessary to maintain contact with the bottom when trolling. This may be anywhere from 4-oz. to 32-oz.

Troll slowly at speeds low enough to allow the weight to constantly bounce on the bottom. Make sure the dodger is slowly wobbling from side-to-side, which will move the B-2 Squid also, shaking it mildly as it washes near the sand. The combination of the ball weight and the dodger stirring up the sand bottom will attract feeding halibut to the bait. Halibut can be more aggressive feeders than most people think and are great sport on relatively light gear.

### RECOMMENDED TACKLE & GEAR TO USE

- ROD:** Penn Power Stick. 20# to 30# class: PC7621 or PC6711. Penn Sabre CS270C or CS870C. 30# to 50# class: Penn Power Stick PC6661MH or Sabre CS870C or Pro Sabre CPS870C
- REEL:** 20# to 30# class: Penn 525GS, 535GS, 545GS. 30# to 50# class: 545GS, 555GS or 113HL.
- DODGER:** Size 030 (4-5/8") 020 (5-13/16") or 000 (8-in.) Luhr Jensen Dodger™ or Herring Dodger® Finishes: Chrome and Chrome/Silver Prism-Lite®.
- B-2™ SQUID:** Size 3" or 5" in Triple Glo, Triple Glo/Red Flake, Triple Glo/Pink Flake & Pearl White.
- BALL WEIGHTS:** 4-oz. to 32-oz. lead or steel balls.

### RIGGING DIAGRAM

