

Shooting Line

Shooting line is a way of extending the line without having to make lots of false casts to attain a desired distance.

A length of extra line (say two to three metres) is pulled from the reel and is held between the thumb and forefinger of the ‘free hand’ – known as the line hand.

A normal cast is made and when the rod is “horizontal” the line hand releases its hold of the line.

The momentum of the line extended beyond the rod tip pulls any slack line through the rings.

- **Note:** If the hand releases the line too early the line will pile up on the water. **It is better to release too late than too early.** The correct timing of the release is immediately after the wrist snap of the rod hand on the forward cast.

Retrieving the Line

The simplest method of retrieving line is to pull it in with the line hand while controlling it with the forefinger of the rod hand. The retrieved line is allowed to fall on the ground, or is coiled (see below).

The sequence of actions is:

1. Grip the line with the forefinger of the rod hand, and then grip the line immediately below (the rod hand) with the line hand.
2. Release the pressure of the line held by the forefinger of the rod hand.
3. Pull the required amount of line in with the line hand, coiling the line with the line hand (see Coiling instruction below).
4. Reapply the pressure with the forefinger of the rod hand.
5. Take hold of the line again with the line hand and pull the required amount of line in again.

Coil Retrieve

The coil retrieve allows you to rapidly recover line when fishing upstream in fast water, or in slow water. The technique is the same as the simple retrieve described above except the line is not allowed to fall but is retained between the forefinger and thumb of the line hand. With a little practice the coils can be retained in the order they are gathered and can be released in the reverse order while extending line. You can release several coils on each false cast until all the line is extended, or you can release the line as you shoot line.

Note:

The forefinger of the rod hand maintains control of the line on the retrieve BUT control of the release is easier using the forefinger and thumb of the line hand only.