

# Care & Maintenance of Equipment

## 1. Line Maintenance:

- At the end of every trip:
- Inspect all your loops and lines for breaks, rough spots, weak spots, frayed areas. Repair or replace as necessary.
- Clean and lubricate your lines regularly during the fishing season. Cormack recommends 3 in 1 Silicone spray (see photo at end of the text). The product label says it's safe for use on rubber and vinyl.
- Run your line through a cloth moistened with the lubricant.
- After fishing in salt water, rinse your line, rod, and reel in low pressure running fresh water
  
- At the end of the season:
- Wash fly line in warm water containing liquid hand soap (don't use dish or detergent soap)
- Rinse fly line in fresh water then hang to dry.
- Do this for integrated lines, shooting heads and running lines.
- When dry, treat with silicone spray applied to a cloth.
- Transfer gelspun or Dacron backing to a plastic spool and soak spool in soapy water for 20 minutes or longer to kill bacteria and dissolve accumulated dirt. You can use detergent soap for this.
- Rinse in fresh water then place spool on a warm air register to dry for several days.
- You can rig a hand drill with a plastic spool to make removal of line from a reel must faster than doing it by hand.

## 2. Reel Maintenance:

- After every use, inspect for sand and grit.
- After every use in salt water, rinse in running fresh water.

- Remove spool and rinse in fresh water to ensure all salt is removed.
- Use Tri-Flow Teflon spray lube (see photo at end of text) on all metal parts except on the brake. Remove excess spray with a shop cloth.
- Be careful not to spray Tri-Flow lubricant on the fly line.
- Lube all mechanisms with sewing machine oil, except the brake.
- Inspect reel seat and handle screws for tightness. If loose, remove, clean, then use liquid thread lock to secure them.
- Prior to long term storage, remove all line and backing.
- Soak reel parts in warm soapy detergent water. Liquid Dawn or Sunlight soap dissolves oils and grease well. Soak for twenty minutes, then clean thoroughly with a toothbrush to ensure all grit and grease are removed.
- Dry thoroughly, then lubricate with Teflon spray and sewing machine oil as before.

### **3. Rod Maintenance:**

- After use in salt water rinse in running fresh water.
- Remove reel then clean and lubricate reel seat (Tri-Flow Teflon spray).
- Inspect rod regularly for cracks and dents.
- Inspect reel seat and guides for wear and rough spots. Use a Q-tip to find rough spots inside the guides.
- Repair as necessary. If you are not equipped as a rod builder send the rod to the manufacturer or find someone locally who will do the work.
- At the end of the season clean the rod with a soapy cloth, then rinse
- Apply light coating of paraffin to male ends of ferrules.
- Cork handles can be cleaned up with a magic eraser (Mr. Clean product).
- Seal the cleaned cork with liquid cork seal.

