



Tarponville Tackle List

Tarpon

- 2x 12-14wt fly rods (*Bring a backup rod as these fish do brake rods!*)
- 1x reel (*Back up if you have one*) See our recommend reels!
- 2x fly lines- intermediate sinking (*extra fly line in case you get spooled or break one*)-
Yes, it does happen!!
- 2x pre-built tarpon leaders per day(*figure 1-2 leaders per day, EX: 5 days of fishing= 9 pre-built leaders*)
- Leader building material/ Tippet (*For leader repair and building*)
- Backing- minimum 40-60 pound test/ minimum 250 yards, 300 plus recommended (extra backing in case you get spooled)- *Yes it does happen!!*
- 1x Hook sharpener
- Flies- Tarpon fly box/ Tarpon bait fish box (*we recommend bringing more flies than not enough, 5 days of fishing= 18- 24*)

Permit/Bone Fish/Lagoon/Reef

- 1x 8-10wt rods (*if you have a backup bring it just in case*)
- 1x Floating fly line to match the rod weight (*bring back up if you have one*)
- 5x Tapered leaders 12-16lb
- Tippet/ leader material- 12lb, 16lb, 20lb, 30lb (20 and 30 for shock or bite tippet for fishing jacks and lagoon or reefs)
- Flies- 1x Permit box/ bait fish box/ lagoon box

Accessories

- Flats sneaker/ Simms zip up booty (for permit and reef fishing-the reefs are very sharp)
- Boat bag (water proof is preferred)
- Wading bag (hip/ back pack- water proof preferred)
- Pliers/ line cutters/ Hook sharpeners

Sun Protection/Clothing

- long-sleeved UV protective shirts
- Hat
- Polarized sunglasses x 2
- Quick dry pants/ shorts
- Sun buff/ face shield

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(Conventional and Spinning gear)

Rods:

For lighter tackle fishing: 20- 30 pound spinning or conventional gear. Medium to heavy tackle fishing: 50-60 pound spinning or conventional gear. 7' rods matching the line strength of reel with enough power to set a hook into a Tarpon. Extra rods are recommended to bring.

Reels:

Our conventional reel of choice would be a Shimano TLD20. Penn, Shimano and Diawa all make good 20 LB spinning reels for tarpon fishing. Reels need to have strong drag with a minimum of 200 yards 60# plus gel spun or braided backing.

Line/leaders:

Mono lined reels: A good mono line of 20-40 pound with a bite section of at least 2ft of 80#-100# shock or bite section.

Gel Spun or Braided lined reels: For fishing braided or gel spun lines, use a 6-8 foot leader of 20-40lb class with at least 2ft of 80#-100# shock or bite section. Bring extra spools and extra lines.

Artificial baits:

Trolling- A variety of rapallas trolled at various depths works well. Soft plastics with a lead head in various colors of lights and darks and soft plastic bait fish imitations.

Casting- Casting at feeding fish- soft plastic baits and minnow imitations works well. Vary the color and sizes until you find what is working. Spoons and top water chuggers can also be effective.

- Make sure and bring extra hooks to switch out on your lures.

Some examples of baits:



Live bait:

Hook sizes of 4/0- 8/0 are commonly used but 4/0- 6/0 should suffice. Common practice for tarpon fishing are circle hooks as it is less damaging if the fish inhales the bait deep. *Please use circle hooks*

(Live bait is not always available. Please be prepared to fish artificial baits)

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Misc:

Boat bag/ tackle bag (water proof is a good idea)

Hook sharpener

Polarized sunglasses- 2 pairs

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