



How to Untangle Bait-Caster Fishing Reel Line

How to repair a tangled bait-caster fishing reel line.

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INTRODUCTION

Still to this day there has not been a clear, identified method for the untangling of a bait-caster fishing reel line in the outdoors'-man world. Therefore, this guide illustrates and explains a technique to find and remove knots in a tangled line. This technique will show the solution we have learned from past generations that save both time and money.



TOOLS:

- [Small Needle Nose Pliers](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Fishing Reel](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Untangle Bait-Caster Fishing Reel Line



- Hold the reel from the bottom side in order for the spool to be easily accessible.
- ⓘ Make sure the release button is pushed down in order for the spool to rotate.

Step 2



- Identify the line or lines that are wrapped around the main line that's running out of the spool, down the reel.
- ⓘ You can do this by pulling the main line tight. The lines that are knotted will look like a loop going over the main line, pulling in the direction that the spool is rotating.

Step 3



- Grab a set of needle nose pliers. You need this particular set in order for you to grab the knot surrounded by the other loose line within the spool.

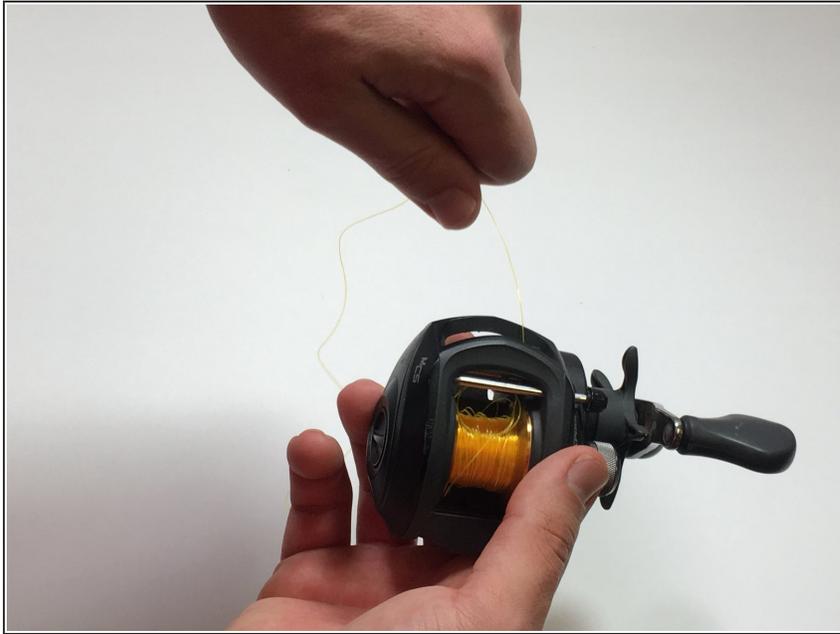
⚠ Do not clinch the pliers very hard around the line. You could possibly break the line, then have to replace the whole spool with new line.

Step 4



- Once you have identified one or more knots and have the pliers lightly clinched upon them (one at a time), begin to provide tension to the knot by pulling it up or towards you.
- ⓘ This will allow for the knot to come out of the spool.
- ⓘ The alternative to steps 3 and 4 is shown by the second and third pictures below. If you do not have needle nose pliers with you, it can be done by hand but will be more difficult.

Step 5



- Pull the main line out, so the spool is moving freely. Do this until the spool of line is tight with no loose line.
- ⓘ Repeat steps 4 and 5 for any remaining knots. Another knot may be present after you untangle the first one and start pulling the line out of the spool. You will notice this when the spool stops rotating again, and one or more loops are providing tension around the main line just like the initial knot was previously doing.

Step 6



- Now, you are ready to reel the line back in. Hold onto the primary line lightly in order for it to be reeled in tightly around the spool, so you can create maximum distance and accuracy when casting.

Finally, it is time to cast your rod, reel, and begin fishing again!