



FISHING

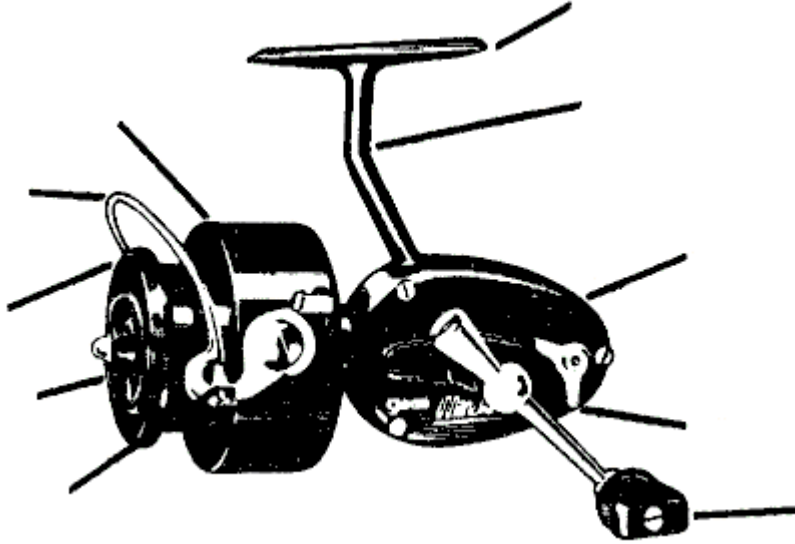
Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Point out and identify the parts of a saltwater reel, a bait-casting reel, a spinning reel, and a fly reel. Point out and identify the main parts of a fishing rod. Tell how you would care for this equipment.
- 2) Demonstrate the use of two of the three types of fishing equipment (bait-casting, spinning, and fly) and explain how each of the three is used.
- 3) Demonstrate and explain the use of the following knots:
 - A) Clinch
 - B) Palomar
 - C) Turle
 - D) Blood Loop (barrel knot)
 - E) Surgeon's Loop
- 4) Name and explain five safety practices you should always follow while fishing
- 5) Name and identify five basic artificial lures and five natural baits and explain how to fish with them. Explain why bait fish are not released alive
- 6) Give the regulations affecting game fishing where you live. Explain why they were adopted and what you accomplish by following these regulations
- 7) Catch two different kinds of fish by any legal, sportsmanlike method and identify them. Demonstrate how you released at least one of the unharmed. Tell how you cleaned and cooked another fish.
- 8) Explain what good outdoor sportsmanlike behavior is and how it relates to fishermen. Tell how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates to a fishing sportsman, including the aspects of littering, trespassing, courteous behavior, and obeying fishing regulations.

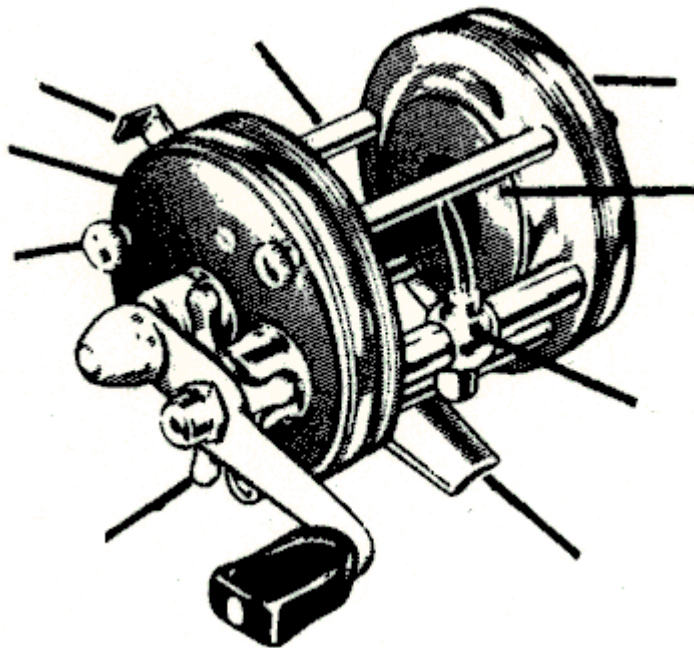
Requirement 1

Point out and identify the parts of a saltwater reel, a bait-casting reel, a spinning reel, and a fly reel.

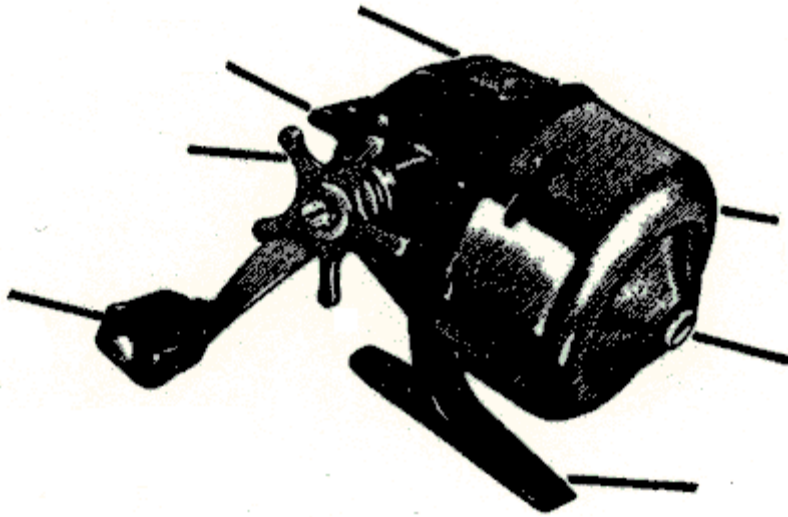
SALTWATER REEL



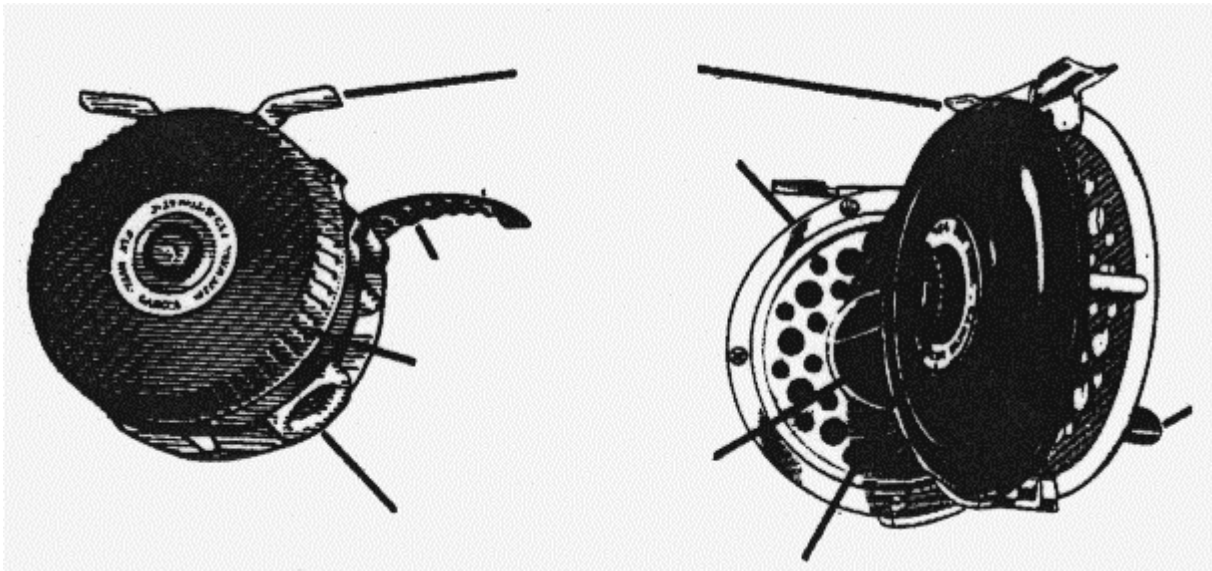
BAIT-CASTING REEL



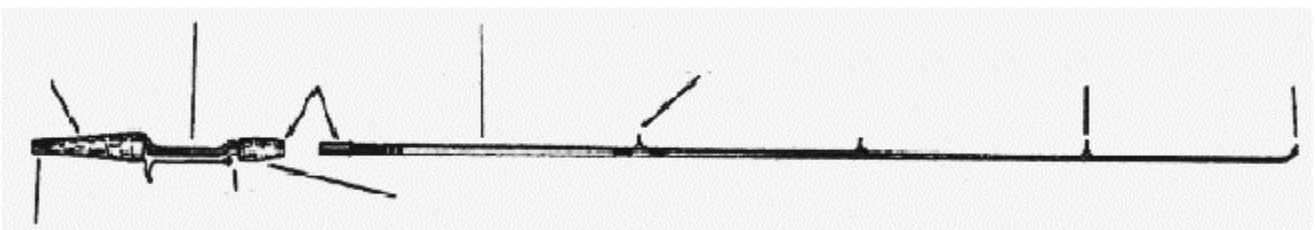
SPINNING REEL



FLY FISHING REEL(S)



Point out and identify the main parts of a fishing rod



Explain the proper care of this type of equipment: _____

Requirement 2

_____ Demonstrate the use of two of the three types of fishing equipment.

Explain how to use *bait-casting* equipment: _____

Explain how to use *spinning* equipment: _____

Explain how to use *fly* equipment: _____

Requirement 3

Demonstrate and explain the use of the following knots:

_____ Clinch
Use: _____

_____ Palomar
Use: _____

_____ Turtle
Use: _____

_____ Blood Loop
Use: _____

_____ Surgeon's Loop
Use: _____

Requirement 4

Name and explain five safety practices you should always follow while fishing

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

- 4) _____

- 5) _____

Requirement 5

Name and identify five basic *artificial lures* and explain how to fish with them:

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

- 4) _____

- 5) _____

Name and identify five basic *natural baits* and explain how to fish with them:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Explain why baitfish are not released alive: _____

Requirement 6

What are the regulations that affect the game fishing where you live? _____

Why were these regulations adopted? _____

What can you accomplish by following these regulations? _____

Requirement 7

Catch two different kinds of fish by any legal, sportsmanlike method and identify them.

1) Type of fish caught: _____

Method used to catch fish: _____

2) Type of fish caught: _____

Method used to catch fish: _____

How did you release one of the fish unharmed? _____

How did you clean and cook one of the fish? _____

Requirement 8

Explain what good outdoor sportsmanlike behavior is and how it relates to fishermen.

Tell how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates to a fishing sportsman, including the aspects of littering, trespassing, courteous behavior, and obeying fishing regulations:

