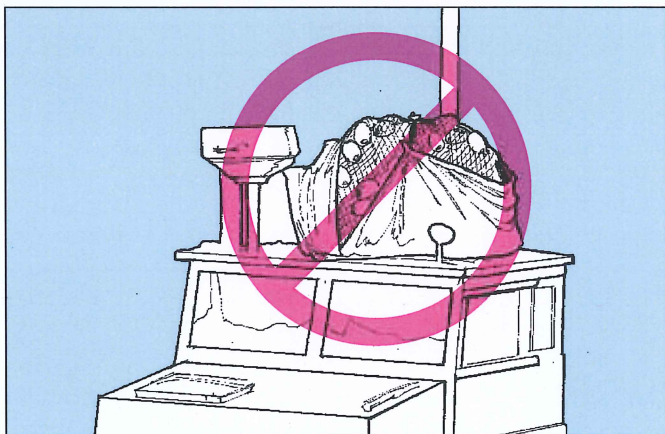


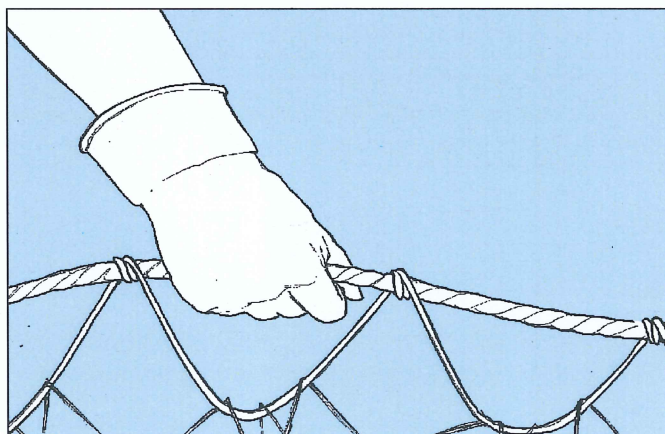
Gillnet

Because gillnet vessels have small crews, gillnetters should travel in groups of two vessels or more. That way, help is close by if something goes wrong or someone is hurt. Developing a system to check on other vessels is very important and **must** be documented.

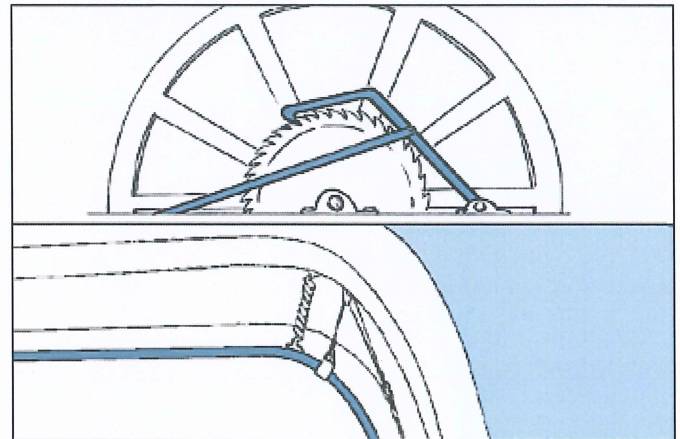
When gillnetting for salmon or herring be aware of the following safety procedures and requirements:



- Don't store nets (or other heavy items) on top of the wheelhouse. This can cause stability problems.



- Use gloves to protect your hands when setting and picking the net or handling fish.

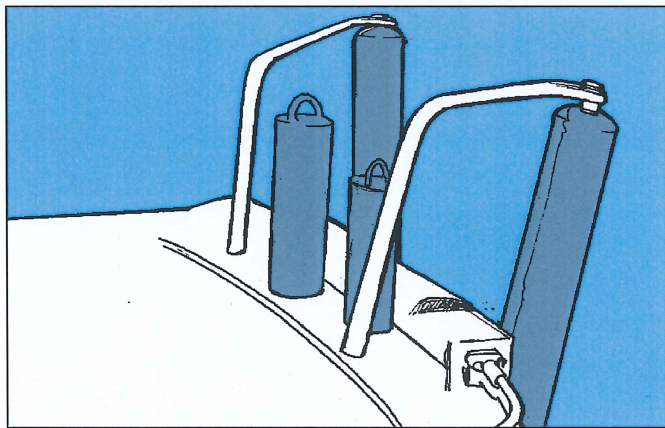


- Both herring and salmon gillnet drums **must** be fitted with a hold-to-run control, a ratchet for picking up under heavy strain, and a brake for keeping control when setting the net. Be sure the hold-to-run control works properly to stop the drum if a crew member becomes entangled in the net or lines being wound around the drum.
- Never use the ratchet and socket system as a brake to stop the drum.
- Always wear a personal flotation device or lifejacket when working on deck.
- Make sure you have a way to get back on the vessel in case you fall overboard. Examples include tying tires to the side of the boat so you can climb onto the vessel from the water, or keeping a rope ladder coiled on the side of the boat with a rope that you can pull to deploy it.

When gillnetting for salmon, consider the following safety procedures and requirements:

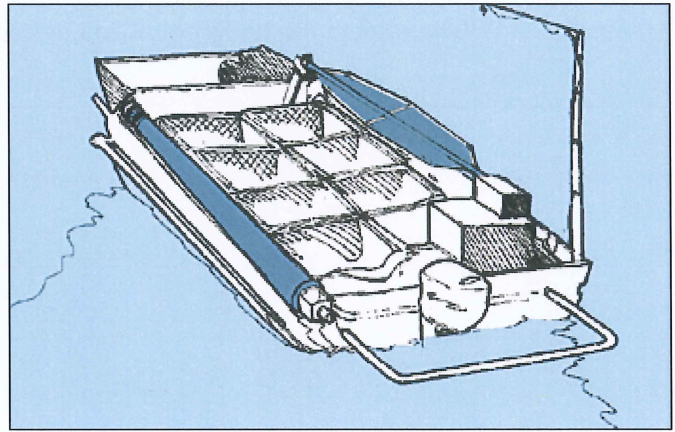


- When setting, keep clear of the net. Don't try to clear snags while the vessel is underway. Use caution when working around weedline beckets.

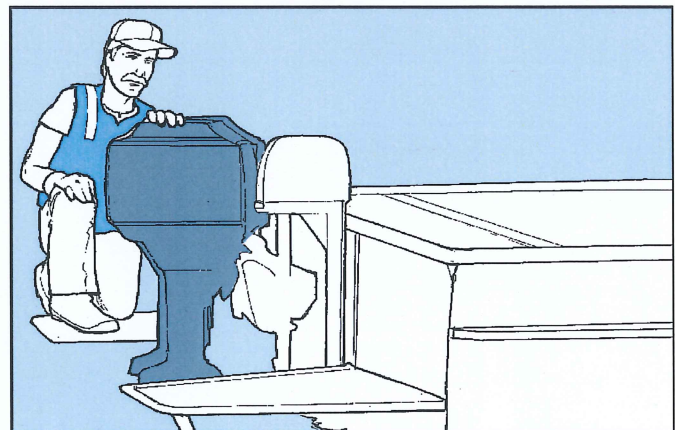


- Prevent pinrollers from lifting. Pinrollers **must** be designed and maintained to prevent them from lifting. If a pinroller lifts, the pin—or the net—can strike the crew.
- Make sure you have installed guardrails that will prevent falls into the water.
- Be aware of spiny fish, especially rockfish and ratfish, when picking the net.
- Stay in touch with other vessels often to ensure that they know you are not in trouble.

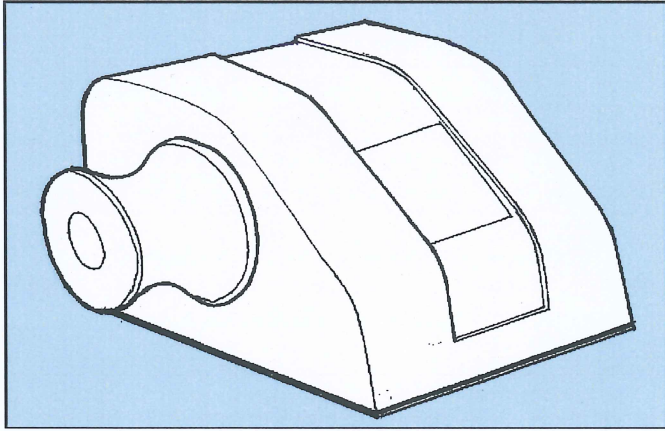
When gillnetting for herring, consider the following safety procedures and requirements:



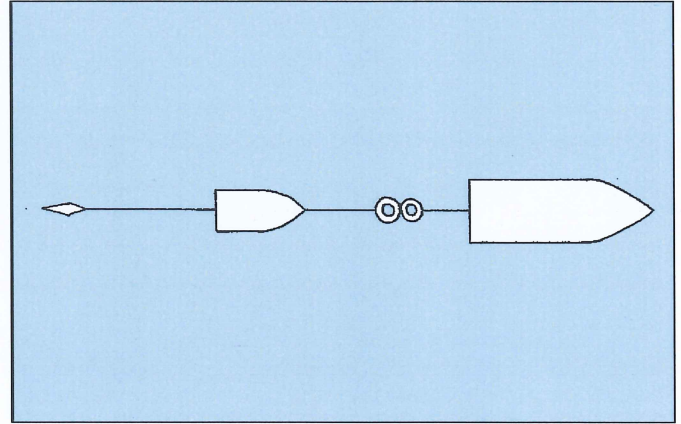
- Work areas on herring skiffs and punts **must** be arranged so crew members do not contact moving equipment such as beater bars and live rollers.



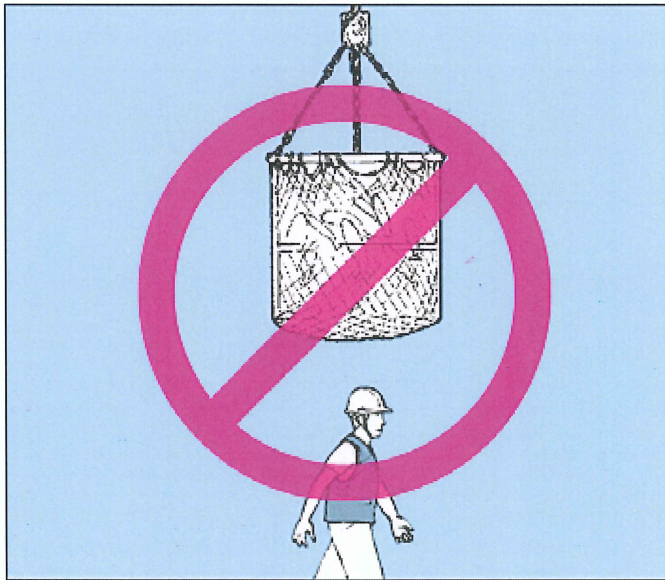
- Crew members **must** be taught how to safely clear fouled propellers on a herring skiff. Using standing grids, hoists, or tie-off lines can make clearing propellers safer.



- Herring skiffs and punts **must** have a mechanical means, such as a live roller or an anchor winch, for hauling net anchors.

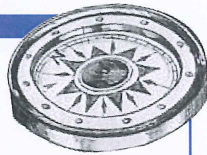


- When towing a skiff or punt, the master of the vessel **must** use appropriate rigging and develop safe towing procedures for all weather conditions. These procedures **must** cover how to self-bail the skiff or punt, how to use the tow line shock absorbers, and how to use sea anchors to prevent sheering and overtaking.
- When shaking the net, crew members need to stay clear of the beater bar, live roller, and hot wheels.
- When hauling the net on board the skiff, consider using a powered hauling device. This will reduce the chances of back strain or injury.
- When towing, always use the correct towing lights on both the towing vessel and the skiff to avoid collisions with other vessels.
- To reduce the chance of being overloaded and swamped, deliver the catch often.
- When travelling near a fishing fleet, a slower speed can reduce wake and prevent the swamping of other vessels.



- Never stand or walk under a suspended load.
- Never pass a boom—loaded or unloaded—over a crew member, if possible.
- Keep the load as low to the deck as possible:
 - To avoid the risk of lifting the load over crew members
 - To keep it from hitting a crew member

Tips from fishermen:



Have a re-boarding plan if you are working alone.

Use a positive type of drum brake to quickly stop the drum in any of the following situations:

- A backlash occurs
- The drum speeds up uncontrollably while setting in a heavy swell
- Use a hand-held handle and hook to take spiny fish like rockfish out of the net.
- Avoid travelling at night if possible.
- Be aware of fatigue issues.