

## ON THE LINE

ONCE YOU'VE GOT THE DOUBLE line rigged, it's often a question

of how to make the connection to your leader. Whether casting live baits to dolphin

and sailfish on spinning and conventional outfits or deep-jigging with braided line,

nothing beats knots. Here are two low-profile connections that will serve you well.

## The No-Name Knot

ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE BRISTOL, Yucatan or Mexican Mate's knot, the No-Name is quick and dirty. Used in conjunction with a Bimini or Triple Surgeon's, you'll be hard-pressed to find a slicker-traveling connection.

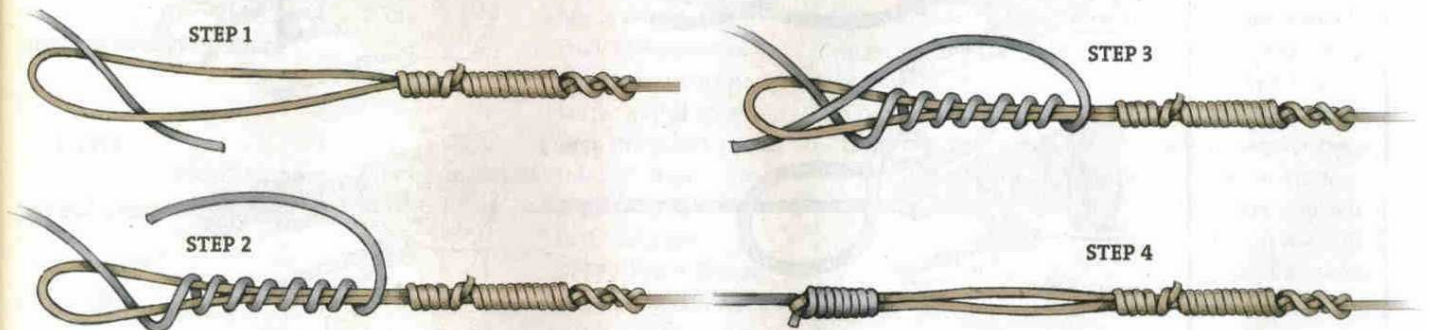
**STEP 1:** Take about 10 inches of leader and place it through the loop formed by your double line.

**STEP 2:** Pinch the leader and double line with your thumb and index

finger and wrap the leader up the double line five to seven times.

**STEP 3:** Bring the tag end back down and then place it through the loop formed by the double line, exiting on the opposite side from where the leader entered the double line.

**STEP 4:** Lubricate and grasp the double line and leader, and snug firmly. The tag end should stick out at a 90-degree angle from the leader. Trim the tag end closely.



## Uni-to-Uni

THIS IS A GREAT KNOT for making connections; many offshore anglers use it to connect topshots to backing on conventional reels, and it is also ideal for connecting leader material to braided main line. The Uni-Knot is an old standard for

terminal connections, so if you've mastered that version, this one is a snap.

**STEP 1:** Lay the tag ends of each line next to each other, in opposing directions. With the tag end of the main line, form a loop.

**STEP 2:** Take the tag end and

wrap around the leader and through the main line loop. Repeat five times (a total of six).

**STEP 3:** Lubricate and snug the knot into position (be careful not to tighten too much).

**STEP 4:** Repeat steps 2 and 3 with the tag end of the leader

material. With leader heavier than 40-pound, decrease the number of turns to four.

**STEP 5:** Pull on the standing portions of each line, sliding the two knots together. Snug them into place with even pressure on all four sides, and trim.

