



Understanding The Implications Of The PE Revolution

*(Or, How Versatile A Spin Outfit Can Be. Or, A Long Term Look At
One Of My Favourite Outfits!)*

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Introducing a very special and unusual report by Aaron on complex, high-technology fishing gear that is changing the way we go fishing. Bits of it you'll probably need to read a couple of times; be aware he's analysing three closely related things - the PE line, the matching Japanese 'parabolic bend' rod and an extraordinary reel.

Enjoy, learn, utilise.

Lying on the casting deck during a trip to Hervey Bay in November, 2014, a seed was planted.

I was watching one of the outfits in the rod holders as we trolled for mini marlin and I thought about the plethora of great catches and different techniques that this rod, reel and line had been subjected to.

Little did I know, that the following day, the rod would be 45cm shorter due to an onboard accident.

When I got back to Brisbane and as I scrounged the internet for a replacement, I figured a long-term evaluation was in order as this package has been outstanding in every regard.

So, here we go. No burial at sea for the snapped rod. No Vale.

Just a celebration of this epic little rod, reel and line.

Every so often, you come across an outfit that you just cannot bear to part with. It shows itself to be so useful over such a wide range of techniques that leaving home without it would leave the same feeling if you left all the hooks off your lures and rigs. A feeling of silly panic. Disarray. Freaking chaos.

There really isn't a part of Australia that cannot be visited, where a medium-class spin outfit would not be a decided benefit to the quiver.

Whether in the Northern Territory or Tasmania, a spin outfit that can handle the Japanese polyethylene line gauges of PE 2-3, is spot on for chasing queenfish on skipping poppers up at Cape York or casting small lead baitfish profiles at schooling striped and small southern bluefin tuna off Tassie.

(Time out: The Japanese PE line gauge equates to a specific mm thickness and corresponding breaking strain for normal braided line. PE line is denoted by the "#" symbol, followed by its thickness. #1 is 0.165mm thick and typically breaks at 10lb. #2 is 0.235mm, #3 is 0.285mm, and breaks at around 30lb. So normally, #1 is 10lb, but with the newer, higher breaking strain denier threads that are being used, #1 can break as high as 19lb, #2 at 35lb. This means, you can have a smaller reel, loaded with fine, high breaking line without sacrificing capacity.)

The outfit that this article revolves around is a much lighter, more powerful version of high speed