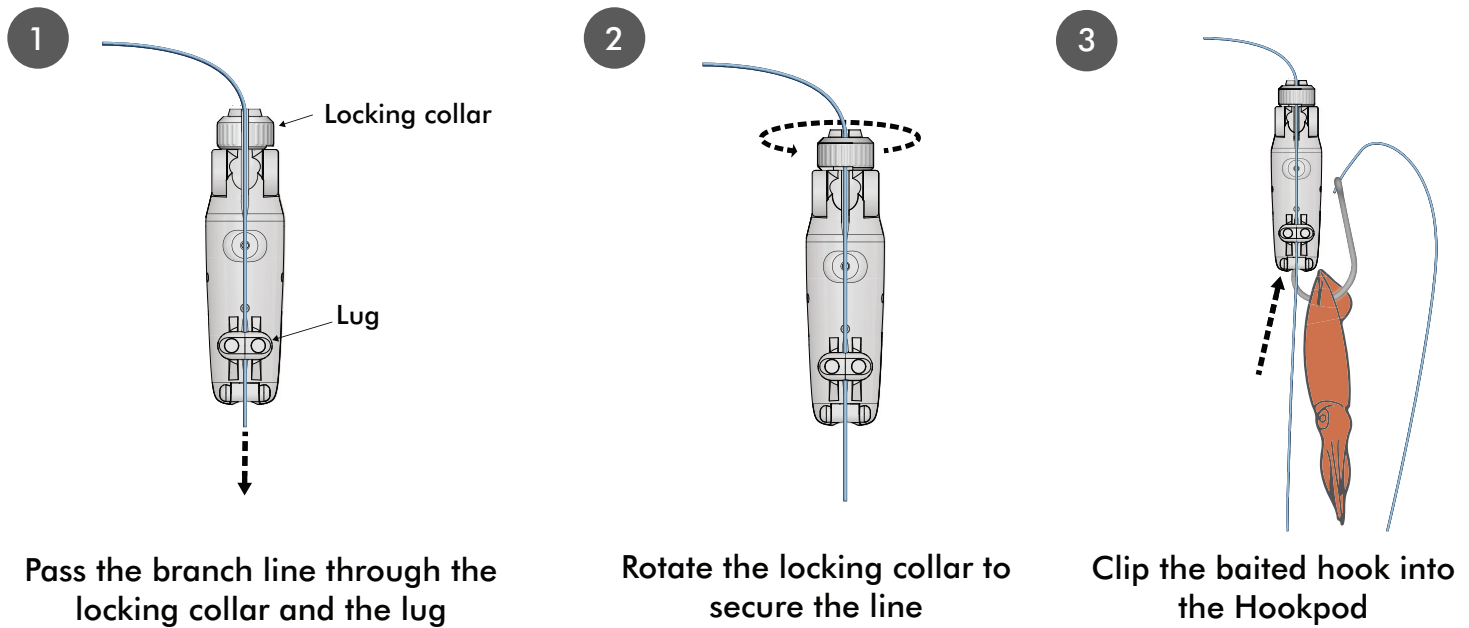


Fitting pods to the gear



There are two options for fitting hook pods to a branchline

When building the gear (prior to crimping on the hook) the monofilament is simply passed through the lug at the bottom, then pressed into the groove on the neck of the pod and the collar turned clockwise 90 degrees until the collar clicks into place (see Figs 1 and 2)

If the hook is crimped on, a small Allen key can be used to undo the screws holding the lug at the bottom on the pod in place; the monofilament is then placed against the groove and the lug screwed back in place, before passing the monofilament into the groove below the collar (see above). This can be quite time consuming and where feasible, approach (1) is recommended.

Setting

To load pods simply press the point of the baited hook against the spring load doors (see Fig 3).

IMPORTANT: When pods are set ensure they are thrown clear of the propeller wash.

Hauling

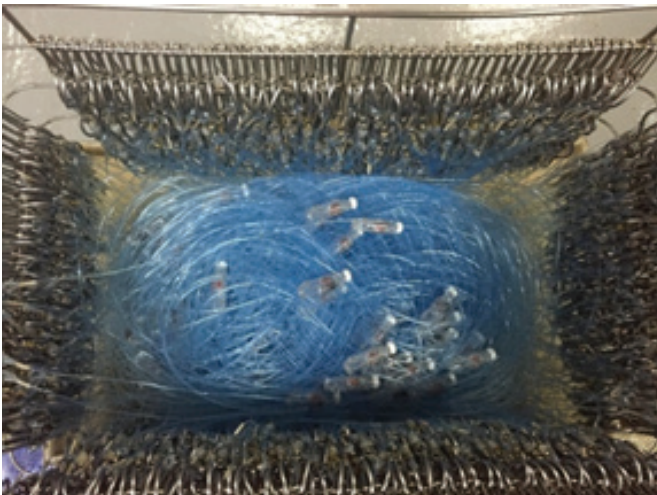
As the pod comes aboard during hauling it is **IMPORTANT** that crew give the pod a 'flick of the wrist' to ensure any water droplets are expelled from the pressure chamber. Then the pod is simply closed and stored in the setting bin.

The 'O' rings in the pressure chamber of the pod are tight fitting so care should be taken to ensure the pod 'clicks' closed correctly before being stored.

Any information and feedback on the performance of the pods is greatly appreciated. We hope the fish are biting!

Storing

Two options for pod storage have been successfully trialled:



Pods can be fleeted into the bin along with the branchlines



Pods can be hung from the hook in the swivel. This works best if the pods are placed < 1 m from the hook

NOTE If pods are fleeted in the setting bins it is recommended that a 'square' or carpet is placed between each row of branchlines. This prevents any potential for pods to slip down into branchlines below in rough seas.

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