

Big Game Retriever Set-up

Big Game Retriever® Pro Model 611 Set-up

» Your AMS Big Game Retriever® Pro comes set up and ready to use. However, you must learn how to re-rig the reel before you go out on the water.

Retriever Mounting Instructions

Big Game Retriever Rigging

1. Remove all the line from the bottle.
2. Double back the line 2 feet from the end and feed the loop back into the reel.
3. Pull trigger and retrieve one turn. You will see line in the bottle.
4. Reach through the bottle slit, pull out a small loop of line and secure it under the rubber collar. Keep it under the rubber collar at all times. Do not push the loop back in the bottle. To avoid tangles the loop needs to remain outside the bottle.
5. Pull the short line through the slot on the side of the reel and tie it to the float.
6. Always keep the float line tight. It should lie over and in front of gear cover and handle so it clears all the moving parts.

Adjust tension to float line here. Keep loop under rubber collar.

Keep line to float tight.

» Practice this set-up and re-rig several times before you go out. Have extra arrows and line rigged ahead of time.

7. Snug up the float line by pulling on the loop under the rubber collar. Keep the loop 1" or less in size while pulling line out of the mouth of the reel. The loop should be clearly visible, on top of the bottle neck and tight to the bottle where it remains until the target pulls it free.
8. While keeping the loop under the rubber collar, retrieve the remaining line into the bottle.
9. Tie end of the line to the ring on the Big Game arrow. See Big Game Arrow Rigging and Shooting Instruction by clicking the link below.

Big Game Arrow Rigging Instructions



IMPORTANT!

Safety Tips for Big Game Retriever

- » ALWAYS make sure your AMS Big Game Retriever Pro is rigged correctly. Keep the float line in front of the Gear Cover and Handle. Keep the float line tight between the slot in the Retriever and the float.
- » The loop under the black rubber collar should always be secure. It must never be allowed to mix with the line in the bottle. Tangles can result and your game can be lost if the loop of line gets tangled with the line inside the bottle. The loop should be clearly visible, on top of the bottle neck and tight to the float.
- » If you are using a large float at your feet, keep it and line under control.
- » Use one wrap of electrical tape to secure the line from the AMS Retriever® to the lower bow limb so the float line cannot become tangled with you, the bow or AMS Retriever® in any way. This also keeps your float line tight from the 1" loop on the bottle down to the bow limb.
- » Be EXTREMELY careful when handling the float lines. Gloves are strongly recommended. A wounded shark or alligator can bolt and change directions without warning. Pull the line toward you with your hands, leaving the slack line in the water. This reduces the chance of tangling with it. Avoid pulling the line into the boat and forming a pile at your feet. NEVER wrap the line around your hands as a sudden surge from prey could cause severe injury.
- » Bowfishing for large game is different from archery hunting.
 - » Use a regular bowfishing point or a Big Game bowfishing point for the initial shot along with a float for a tracking device. A regular bowfishing point will make a small entry hole and be less likely to rip out.
 - » Because a single arrow can rip out, we recommend a second secure shot. This will increase the drag on your prey, wearing it down faster and making it easier to pull boat side.
 - » A final shot with a broad-head or a bang stick is recommended. Subdue the catch before bringing it into your boat.
- » If you miss, retrieve the arrow and shoot again. If you hit the target, let it take all the line from the bottle and pull the float off the bow. Be sure to point the bow toward the fish or alligator until all the line is out of the bottle. Do not pull the trigger as the last remaining line leaves the reel. If the float does not come off by itself, pull it off by hand. Follow the float to retrieve the fish or alligator.