



## **Tarpon Caye Lodge Gear Check List**

We are aware of the difficulty clients have when traveling with lots of luggage, therefore we have taken that into consideration and created a gear checklist that will give you every piece of gear you will need and eliminate all of the unnecessary clunk that you simply won't need.

### **Tarpon:**

- 12 wt rod with intermediate sink WF fly line with extra spool WF full floating
- Permit: 10 wt rod with WF full floating line
- Bonefish: 8 wt rod with WF floating line

### **Tarpon leader material:**

- 20 - 40 - 50 or 60 pound test disappearing pink flora

### **Bonefish and permit leader material:**

- 8 - 12 - 16 pound test taper leader or spools of the same sizes to make leaders, disappearing pink if possible

### **Tarpon flies/lures:**

- Gummy minnow with silver side and gray back 1-0 hook preferably
- Clouser minnow chartreuse and white 1-0 hook preferably

### **Permit flies:**

- Merkins: brown, tan, tan and brown, olive green
- Sexy Sixties
- Mantis shrimp
- Bear Flies
- Rag Head
- Or any other that you might like
- All should be tied on # 4 hooks with minnie dumbbell eyes or hallow bead chain eyes with weed guard

**Bonefish flies:**

- Crazy Charlie: gold, pink, white, chartreuse and crystal flash
- Clouser: chartreuse and white, full chartreuse and full white, all with hollow bead chain eyes and tied on # 6 hooks.

**Trolling equipment:**

- Ugly stick: 7 ft stand up rod for little big game with 4-0 10 reel with 30 lb test line

**Bait Casting (snook fishing):**

- Ugly stick: 7 ft medium to fast casting rod with reel equivalent to 3500 Shimano Reel, with 17 lb test line.

**Bait casting for permit and bonefish:**

- Ugly stick: 7 ft fast tip flex with ultra light reel, 8 lb and 12 lb test line, extra spool.

**Trolling Lures:**

- assorted 4 inch to 5 inch Rapalla, Yozuri, Bombers all Divers

**Casting Lures:**

- Assorted 3 inch to 4 inch Rapalla, Yozuri, Mirror Lures slow sink, Buck tail Jig, Sassy shad, Zara Spook

**Permit and Bonefish:**

- Assorted colors; wiggle jig on # 2 hooks

**Other Items:**

- Hard steel leader
- Braided flex steel leader
- All 70 to 90 lb test
- Barrel swivel 70 to 90 lb test
- 1-0, 2-0 and 3-0 single hook

**TAKE CARE**

**Note:** Wipe sun creams off hands before handling rods, tippets and flies. Creams act as lubricants and cause slippage, and impart scents to flies that deter strikes. Rinse rods and reels in fresh water after each use. Salt water is very corrosive. Use reels made for salt water when possible. Rinse your rods and reels in fresh water daily after fishing.