

I don't like attaching things to me when wading. Because of this, I run the risk of dropping some of my stuff in the water and losing it. With cheaper items, I just live with the occasional losses, but with more expensive equipment, I take precautions to prevent them.

Making some additions to a Boga Grip make the tool easier to carry and use when wading and prevent it from sinking to the bottom if dropped. First off, a float should be attached to the Boga, so it will remain at the surface if dropped. Using a short length of old stringer line or nylon cord to connect the float to the stainless steel fish-lip gripper works great. The float, of course, must have adequate mass to keep the heavy tool from sinking!

On the side of the float opposite the Boga, I like to attach a small brass clip to the line, using a zip tie. Jason King pointed out the help the clip can provide in performing a couple of "duties", especially when no help is available. For one thing, the clip can allow one to accurately measure the length of a fish, by freeing up one of the hands. Attaching the brass clip to a belt or pant loop allows one to hold and stretch the measuring tape. The Boga Grip's teeth, of course, hold the fish.

Similarly, attaching the clip to a belt can allow one to dangle a fish in the water for a while, making the Boga into a kind of "stringer" for temporary use. I and many other waders like to fish without carrying stringers, but we occasionally find a need to string a throat-hooked fish, and this allows us to use the Boga for such duty, and prevents us from having to go to the boat immediately.

These additions help maximize the productive use of these durable tools. I carry mine on a zip tie, which I place in the small loop on the side of my shirt pocket. Then I clip the Boga's teeth into the zip tie, so it hangs vertically along the front of my torso.

Below is a pic of my Boga Grip, showing the addition of the float and brass clip.



