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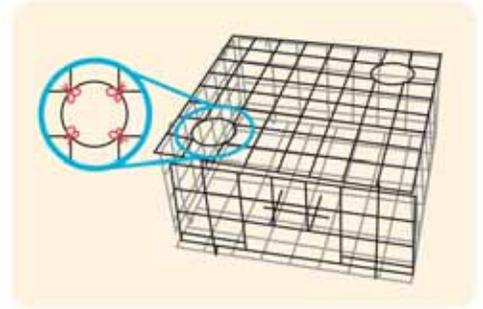
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- ❑ WEIGHT YOUR LINE. Weighted lines sink below the surface to avoid being cut by passing boats.
- ❑ USE THE CORRECT LENGTH OF LINE. Knowing how deep the water is where you set your gear ensures that you will be able to find your buoy.



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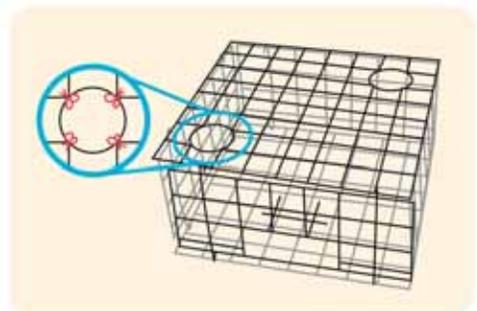
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