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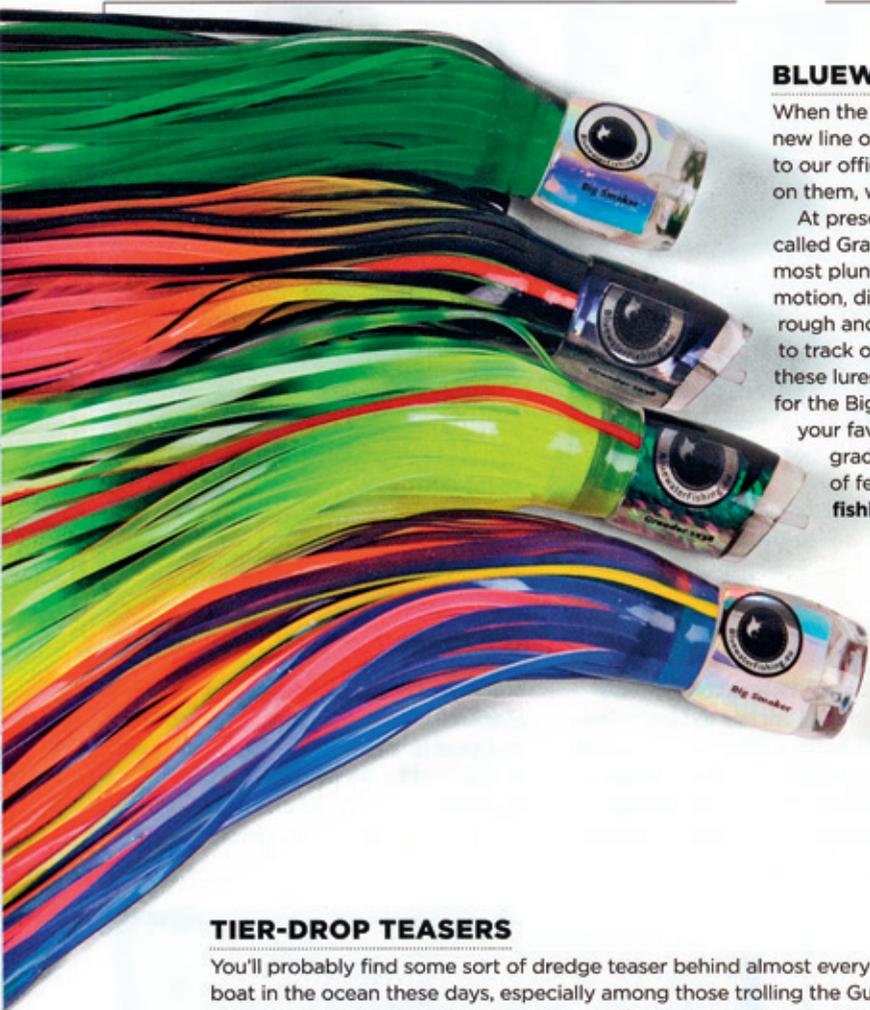
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NEW PRODUCTS



BLUEWATER IN GERMANY

When the maker of Bluewater Lures in Germany contacted us about its new line of lures, we weren't too optimistic about the lures on the way to our office. But as soon as we opened the package and got our hands on them, we were sold.

At present, Bluewater makes two head styles: a weighted plunger called Grander 1238 and a chugger with jets called Big Smoker. Like most plungers, the Grander 1238 exhibits a very dynamic swimming motion, diving up and down on a regular beat. When the seas get rough and you need your lure to stay in the water or you just want it to track on the straight and narrow, reach for the Big Smoker. Both of these lures come in a wide variety of skirt and color combinations — 30 for the Big Smoker and 40 for the Grander 1238 — so you're sure to find your favorite. Bluewater makes these handsome lures from high-grade, super tough resins to ensure that they will withstand years of ferocious billfish strikes. For more information, visit bluewaterfishing.eu — and be sure to hit the English-language button!

TIER-DROP TEASERS

You'll probably find some sort of dredge teaser behind almost every boat in the ocean these days, especially among those trolling the Gulf Stream off of Florida during the winter sailfish season. Rigged with naturals or plastics, in single-, double- or even triple-stacked configurations, they raise fish. Tournament Cable's Tier-Drop dredges come with a variety of features that make them easy to use. Each arm is hinged so it can move with the flow of currents and the prop wash, which gives the baits a more natural presentation. Tier-Drop dredges come in 18-, 24 and 36-inch models with six or eight arms. All are rigged with a connecting cable and heavy snap swivels — at just the right lengths for connecting multiple dredges. They come rigged with 3-D stick baits or empty for those wanting to use their own natural or artificial baits. Visit tournamentcable.com or call 800-979-3474 for more information.



NAUTICAL CROSS

You'll wonder how you got along without one — or two. The Nautical Cross (from the company of the same name) slips into your flush-mount rod holder, locks in and lets you tie off fenders and buoys to properly protect your boat from damage. Two sizes fit 1½-inch or 1⅞-inch holders. Made from finely polished, nonrusting aircraft aluminum and plastic liner, these little helpers lead the lineup of other useful products from Nautical Cross, like the Boarding Pole and Swinging Line Holder. The Boarding Pole is a temporary vertical bar that makes boarding a simpler, safer experience for both young and old. It slips and locks into a flush-mount rod holder in seconds. The Swinging Line Holder keeps your dock lines out of the water and easy to reach when returning to your slip. For more information, visit nauticalcross.com.

