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However, Im not sure I understand how much better electric are than manual for that matter I havent used them much except on friends boats. Has anyone had both and can you tell me your opinions. I may be interested in making a trade with some extra cash my way for a set of manual Scottys assuming the mounting is the same. Im just into keeping things simple and not sure I want something else that can go wrong. Thanks, Biederboat There is always enough going on when there is a fish on the line without having to worry about cranking up the gear. No contest. I usually fish with at least three people sometimes four. Can the net guy crank it up before he grabs the net. Does someone have to keep their finger on the button anyway or does it just stop automatically. Not trying to counterpoint, just want to make sure I understand how all this would work. Thanks, Biederboat Manual Downriggers worked ok, but having to hand crank your rigger up everytime the thing trips, or you need to check or change bait gets old fast. I have gone electric, and wont go back. I am sure there are tons of ifishers that would swap out there manuals for your electrics with some cash your way. Just remember though, once there gone you will want them back! You can use braided dacron for the cable instead of wire or even keep the wire and go hitech with a black box. I hear some amazing things about those contraptions. I can only dream of all that wizardry right now, but someday. I am new to downrigger fishing but have been doing alot of reading so as far as my advice goes. If you still really want to ditch the electrics let me be the first to offer to help you out with that. It wasnt so much the fact that they were electric but I still havent come to the conclusion that downriggers fish that much more effectively. Now, this is based on my experience with them and that has come from observing other people use them and just a wee bit of use myself. <http://cityini.com/files/fckeditor/como-se-elabora-un-manual-de-bienvenida.xml>

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However, knowing that theyre on the boat and knowing what theyre worth, Ill give them a good workout and see what all the raving is about of course soliciting advice on this board for their proper use. I havent done much Kokanee fishing but would like to do more and I know these will help that effort. Thanks everyone! Biederboat Let me know if you decide to trade your DVD Player for my Betamax so to speak. The cannon ball will stop at the marker you put on the cable. Dont worry about black boxes or helicopters. I catch plenty of fish on the wire with out any fancy electrical crap. We have both the electric and manual Scottys. The manual is the spare and only gets used when we start fishing 3 or more rods. Once you have downriggers, you will be amazed how much you use them at least in the Puget sound area. Many fisherys that we fish cant be fished effectivly without downriggers. Puget Sound Blackmouth, Lake Washington Sockeye, the straits. All good places to use downriggers. Plus, I fish the CR at vernita alot. No way to get down into the deep holes without downriggers. Scotty electrics are awesome. No question. My only advice would be to make sure you have dual batteries and a perko switch to prevent devoltage. They do draw power, but its less than you think. When you need electric downriggers, ya just need em. Ive got both, manual and electric, and Scotty is one thing on my boat Ive never had a single problem with. Did away with the hum. And the ball stays down abit straighter. Always depending on conditions. Best of luck with it. Some settling of contents may have ocured. I have a cannon manual and a cannon electric for my side. The electric is essential when I fish alone, which isnt too often but its nice. How you use them is another consideration for electric or not. I fish for macks a lot and regurlarly fish 80160 feet deep. Thats a

lot of cranking on a manual. Talk to the tuna guys, I know they all have electrics.<http://www.czechdidgeridoo.com/admin/upload/como-se-elabora-un-manual-de-induccion.xml>

By the way, I hear those scotty electrics are supposed to be better than my cannon electric. I just fried the switch in my cannon today. It wont shut off! No way to get down into the deep holes without downriggers. They work, are less expensive than a nice kicker but. I have two very nice Scotty manual downriggers. I love them. Id be happy to trade them to you for your electrics The king hole is iffy, and its tuff to use divers when the boats are stacked ontop of themselves in the king hole. Is it really that big of a hassle to hand crank them. Im looking at getting 2. I fish mainly from 120 ft up to the surface and upgraded to electrics. It gets tiring using manuals to retrieve the weights and with auto stop on electric riggers you can multitask. If you are young, no problem. I switched over when I got the money from winnings. Last season I was only 62 years old, but Ibuprofin was my friend. On a fourday trip the first three were ok, but that fourth day my body was aching from all the cranking. Im thinking my 13 year old grandson needs to learn the joys of running the riggers. With nothing else said. I have 4 electrics now. I now only use two, the other two are in my basement because of issues with the switches. I started out with hand cranks also but I worked in a machine shop and got stuck running an old lathe and screwed up my elbow, I had to go electric. I changed my share of switches, and its a pain in the pocketbook. You do have to consider though, if a guy is starting out, a lot of money can be spent reel quick. A cheap second hand manuel rigger or two can be a reel blessing. Shop around, you could get lucky if someone is looking to upgrade. Its all about what you can afford in this economy. They are fast on retrieve and give you lots of leverage with that big reel.

Of course electrically powered riggers are just plain easier, and if fishing alone it can be trouble with a screaming king and then a second one, and the riggers are still hanging in the water waiting to saw your prize off the line when it wraps around the cable. I know, I speak from the experience, more than twice, a day. cranking fish and riggers at he same time has not been one of my best dances. Its easy! Sign in here. The Alaska Moose Hunting Guidebook is now available for Apple devices and for Amazon Kindle. This 360page book is a great resource for any Alaska moose hunter, regardless of experience level. Alaska Outdoors. Supersite offers several membership levels. Learn more ! Either that or I learned a thing or two and nagged her enough. The boat Im picking up does not have downriggers, but is wired for electric. The question I put before you, is the convenience of electric downriggers worth the extra cost. When fishing for silvers and kings, how deep do yall normally fish. Once I figure this out, Ill see if I can get yall to let me in on your secret holes. Thanks, again! If you set them up right, you just twist the knob and the leave the weight right at the water surface with their auto stops. Depending on who responds, you will get all opinions on this matter. I remember a thread on this some time ago and some swear by their manual dowriggers. They also seem to last well, so I think you can amortize the cost over many years if you take care of them. First thing that comes to mind is when you get a strike if there is just you and someone driving the boat, you are left with the job of cranking up the manual downrigger while holding onto the fishing pole and trying to not loose the fish. Kings are deeper. Honestly, I dont find it to be a big deal to crank it up after a release, even if there are only two of us on the boat. I agree with Old John, I rarely fish deeper than 30 feet for silvers. I have scotty electrics under the deck that havent been used in years.

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Never again. Get yourself a good pair of manuals. I run 12lb balls on mine. I offered to get here electrics and she said dont bother these are fine. It isnt hard to rig electrics ones right. Just like anything else they require regular maintance. Electric ones with auto stop are the best. I rigged my cannons with scotty plugs. I mounted my plug ins near downrigger mounts. I also shorten my cords off downriggers for a clean looking installation. I spray Corrosion X on my plugs. I have never had a

problem. I read more threads about this in the past. Salt water is hard on a lot of things on boats especially electronics. But if you maintain your equipment on boat. You will not spend time and money fixing things. I also like scotty electrics. Line stops will slip if fouled heavily with seaweed, so pay attention or you'll blow fuses. Carry lots of extra fuses. Use Scotty's little black rubber snubber beads to cushion your cable terminal when it slams into the end pulley due to a slipped autostop. Rig cable to the barrel, and slip weight onto corkscrew. Attach release to gangion via longline clip. Rig a manual the same way for when zealous junior cranks her right up to the tip at a great rate of speed. The gangion or tuna cord snubber is very forgiving of retrieval trouble, as are the rubber snubber beads. Silvers anywhere from surface to 120 down, with most time spent at 3050. Kings 80 to as deep as your gear will fish, though they'll run shallower in places. The deep plug gets plussize silvers too. I suppose the same is true out of Homer, though the forage may be nominally different and require different lures. Haven't played down there. I fish between 20 and 70 typically and with today's downriggers that means cranking the downrigger up for about 7 or 8 seconds while you just keep pressure on the fish.

I have a friend I fish with that has one electric on his boat and to get it to work you have to push up on the electrical connection with your toe to get it to work and that's while you're fighting the fish. Introducing an electronically controlled device that gets used constantly in a marine environment, in my eyes, is just asking for one more electrical connection to go bad that you'll have to diagnose. We all know what it's like out on the salt. I just don't like introducing another electrical system into my boat in a marine environment that could die on you at the worst possible time. Also, I don't know this for a fact but I've heard with Cannon electrics there's no way to reel the line up once something does go wrong. I could be corrected on that, but that's what I've heard. Sounds like a bit of a mess to me. Especially if you have clients on board that are paying you for your time. Any problems I have with my manuals are very straight forward and very easily fixable. Manuals are cheaper, too. I always like that. BTW, Cannon offers an emergency crank for the powers. I have had Cannon Digitrols most expensive and programmable and some manuals. I fish the manuals the most. Electrics ride on my friend's boat. I have had no problem with the electrics but as noted there is more maintenance. Normally troll 60-100ft, and if a good fish is on, I bring up both rigs with a simple twist of the collar around the push button. The same person can pop the second line off the downrigger, start both rigs coming up while he's reeling in the popped line, and meanwhile the person with the fish on can fight the fish without interruption. Then once the fish is beside the boat, if it's a king and runs under the boat, we know it's not gonna get wrapped up in more gear. All my friends who I take out think the electrics are the cat's meow. So easy. I do wash them off after each trip, and keep an eye out for any start of corrosion. No problems since I bought them 3 years ago.

Scott parts and accessories seemed more available at the local stores in Kodiak too. That's not an option I'm willing to take when I have a boat load of people paying me to catch fish for them. And then there's the maintenance aspect of electric over manual. I think everyone knows my feelings on that. Sutton, Alaska 99674. We thank you for your patience as we help you access the new site! Do I want an electric one. Or are they just a pain in the bottom. But is it worth it, and the extra money for the motorized downrigger. What's the skinny dudes!!!! I have manuals but don't run them frequently. I don't remember what the Big Johns had. I did own a penn manual but was used for shallow trolling for walleye in a river, by freighter canoe, on only 20 feet of water, and with a 6 lb cannon ball. Not the solution for deep trolling. Also, Cannon will stand up to higher speed trolling with a zwing. Scott and Big John will not... don't ask how I know I run 4 Walker electrics. Everyone's got their preference but I think they're all pretty decent these days. If you're looking to save a little money, buy some used ones but get electric. As previously mentioned, they're easier and faster to set with only one guy rigging lines. When we switch baits or need to clear a line, we just hit the switch and reel in our lines while the rigger brings up the ball. For salmon, the early morning hot bite doesn't always

last real long and the faster we get lines back in the water, the more fish. I also think you're more likely to switch out baits, check for fouled lines, change depths, etc. One other advantage is if you're stacking lines. One guy can set two rods on the same rigger without needing a second guy to crank it down. On our boat we often stack and two guys can have four lines in the water inside of a minute or two. Fish hits, you grab rod and hit button to bring ball up and you spend all your time fighting the fish instead of cranking downrigger up.

I was lucky, my wife suggested the electric and I didn't argue. Preference, I love my Scottys with lifetime warranty. However, if you usually have a larger crew then a manual is just fine. A monkey inexperienced crew member can reel up the downrigger as long as you are not short handed. The difference in price will buy a lot of bait. If in shallower waters or down at the bottom, the electric makes it very easy to pull the ball up a few feet and avoid hanging up. You may think you will fish only 2030, but if you have to go deeper you'll find yourself resisting if you have manuals. I never used it. It, in great shape. Pretty pricey but for that beautiful Rampage, I wouldn't consider anything less. So I think I need the smallest footprint electric unit. Thanks for the help guys. Como no PM Sent. I have Penn 50 I would be willing to swap. Send pic and model info. Thanks. You can get a gimble mount adapter but I'm not a big fan of gimble mounts as the riggers just don't seem real secure. You can put a mounting plate on the boat but you're stuck with one location. All my stuff is mounted on a track system. Some is TracksTech and some is Berts. The stuff is interchangeable so you can mix and match based on what you like. When you're not using it, the gear all slides out of the track. I really like the fact that I can easily reconfigure the boat based on what we're fishing, the size of the crew, and what kind of spread we're putting out. The rigger mounts are rock solid and there is absolutely no movement once you lock it in place. They also have step pad inserts if a more finished look is preferred. Use of this site indicates your consent to the Terms of Use. One thing I haven't seen discussed is electric vs manual downriggers. Cost is a factor. But being a small business owner I always look at cost in the long term. I appreciate the input. That being said I have seen some really good deals on electric DRs used.

The electric I have now are 1992 cannons and they work like a charm. A good friend of mine runs 1.5 lbs weights off the back of the boat cause he can't afford DR and they take fish too. Steve I'd recommend checking the swap meets, trade forums and ebay type sites. You should be able to pick up some used manuals at fair price and get back most of your money selling them if you want to upgrade. I have electric and it's nice. Upgraded to them when I was rigging a new to me boat. The little bit of extra work with the manuals never bothered me. I tried the electric before but just didn't feel it was necessary for my style of fishing. Normally I don't fish at extreme depths that would warrant electric and those times that I do fish real deep I don't feel it is a problem with the manuals. I think if you wanted to wait a year for the electric you could still be productive out on the lake. Like Steve said a spread of long lines, dipsies and thumper rods should cover the water column pretty well. Like mentioned above used manual riggers are plentiful so start with them. Divers and Boards can get it done but when the rigger bite is hot it's the best and straight to the fish type action. I have used both over my time fishing in NJ and now here in IL and especially when you have a limited crew electric are just much simpler to use. You can find good deals for used electric online so definitely check there first. If you pursue the internet fishing forums each has a for sale section where some great items go up for sale at discount. PM me for a few of those forum addresses. Best of luck. They are not a necessity for a beginner IMO. I fished with manuals for years before I had electric. As RodM said the majority of our fish seem to come off of the dipsies, lead core and copper off the boards and this is the program that is not near as simple to run as the DRs and takes some time to figure out.

I would take the money you save on buying manuals out of the gate and deal with the little bit of extra work and concentrate on the rest of your program because that is where the majority of the

work and cost are in this type of fishing. This is just the way i see it thoughthumb Good luck. Welcome to GLF and the sickness that come with big lake fishinggrin You can catch plenty of fish without riggers. But there are a lot of days when I would hate to be without them. So I would either look for a good deal on electric or manuals, preferably used, or just use dipseys and board rods. I wouldnt worry about losing money on riggers though. If you buy used you should be able to get close to your money back if you want to upgrade. I have dropped from four to three and some days seems like i am wasting time fishing the three i have.If you ever feel like sliding up to Sturgeon Bay for a trip let me know. My divers out produce the riggers all day long. I wouldnt be in any big hurry to get the riggers. Check Craigs List and the buy sell forums. You will find a deal sooner or later.I know guys who only will use their manuals and guys that switched. I switched. To wait a year is your call, but maybe a set of used ones at a fair price will be affordable for you. With this economy their is always someone selling some. Welcome to the site, i have only been on a short time myself. If you want to ride along sometime, drop me a line. What I love about riggers is when you do get a fish on one they are close to the boat and the fight is great.If you get the same fish on a 300ft.When I went to a bigger boat 17 to 28 I thought it would be better to upgrade to electrics because I would have a wider spread, and flipping a few switches vs.I liked my manuals unless you went really deep, and you had some false releases. I wouldnt trust used electrics unless you know the guy.They served me well have counters and are in decent shape with 4 ft booms.

As others have stated you can fish without riggers and I went down to just 2 riggers one thing you can do with riggers is run light tackle. A rigger will send nearly any fishing setup down to most any depth depending on ball weight and currents. If you find a deal on Big Jon electrics, I would not hesitate to get them. I have not dealt with other brands service departments, but based on feedback from others and my own limited experience with them, they are second to none. I have used Cannon, Big Jon and Walker manuals and would recommend any of them if that is the way you choose to go. Keep shopping and good luck. Then I started running divers and planer boards. If you dont get any riggers you will be fine just invest in copper and wire divers. Some days the only reason I put down a rigger is to put out my temp probe. And when the release trips it is just you and the fish no diver boards or miles of line and trinkets between you. It is also pretty much the only way you can run light tackle down deep trolling. And when you add up the other stuff it can be the least expensive option if you find a good deal on some used riggers. I run fairly cheap wire diver setups and still have over 200 bucks a rod into them now tie on another 40 bucks worth of stuff on the other end and it is not a cheap setup. Copper is the same way not hard to get close to 200 bucks each into rod and reel setups ready to fish.Lead core is cheapest option till you want to get deeper than 40 ft or so then you need a Warn Winch for a reel to hold the line and again a planer board top that off with the fact no one ever runs to grab a long lead core rod because it is a PITA to reel all that line in. I used to run a dbl core and no one ever wanted it to go off. Only times I ever saw guys give up their turn for a fish is on long cores. But you can put your kids Zebco setup on a rigger and send it down. And it will catch fish, will likely burn up on contact but it will hook a fish down deep. Its easy!

Sign in here. Electric Vs Manual In your opinion which is better Electric or Manual and why. What should I be looking for when purchasing a downrigger. What should I be looking to avoid. Thanks in advance, Electrics are more maintenance, but ease of use is nice. Ensure you have them set for the proper weight balls or youll end up loosing balls upon retrieve. Manuals require very little to no maintenance but you crank them up by hand and have very little chance of knocking off balls. If you are doing a lot of down rigging I would go electric, but if you arent then manuals are the easiest and cheapest route to go. I just did a 3 day charter in Prince Rupert on a boat with manuals and they got quite the work out. Captain said hes going to electrics next year. They work but they make you work too. When fishing alone, nice to have the electrics to get the lines up and out of the way with a push of the button. If you have a hummingbird fishfinder they are compatible with the canon downriggers and can operate them from your finder. If your fishing big lakes, dont go to a small downrigger, you

will find yourself buying larger very soon after. Just my 2 cents Maintenance. Ive had my electrics for 7 years, never had to do anything to them, and I mean nothing, plug em in and they are ready to go. Just another option Im planning to use them a few times a year. At this point Im not looking at heavy usage. I definitely have some more thinking to do. I have a lead on some very lightly used manual downriggers. Im planning to use them a few times a year. I have a lead on some very lightly used manual downriggers. Manual riggers are fine for all but the most intense salmon fishing. Scotty are the best supported in the west. Cannon are the most advanced. Penn are world wide. How and where will you be fishing. Most salmon are caught above 100 some trout are regularly caught in big lakes deeper than 100.

Think of catch rate, with salmon you can be into fish steady so you will be running up and down every 35 min. Most trout fishing will give you waaaay more time down. Good luck with your pursuit. Scotty are the best supported in the west. Good luck with your pursuit. Solid points to consider. Im looking at cold lake, lesser slave lake, a few deeper ones in northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. I dont think that salmon is on the species list for those lakes.; im mostly going for lake trout. The ones Im looking at are a few years old so the pricing will be good. It could be worth it just to give it a try to see how they feel. If the action is steady they will give you a bit of a workout but not too bad even trolling deeper that 100 feet. Had these for years now no issues worked like a charm at cold lake this past weekend. I cant stand the old hand crankers.I would go with scottys because you can get parts in pretty much every mom and pop shop in bc.I cant stand the old hand crankers.I would go with scottys because you can get parts in pretty much every mom and pop shop in bc.Next time your thowing away a set of down riggers gimme a pm will gladly take them off you hands. You know at one time all down riggers were manual,we fished fine for many years. Good way to bulk up the guns. If you plan on limiting yourself to under 100 FOW manuals arent to bad but sure seems like work when you have those 50 fish days. Ive been running Scotty HPs wont ever go back to manuals thats for sure. I bought a Scotty Depthpower from TFH last year, and think its great. Easy to use, and very good build quality. Been using manuals for last several years, just replaced one with a Scotty electric, its fricken huge, could have bough a smaller model electric lol.I wish they were electric even if I would use them only twice a year.

Electric,because when fishing with two at the same time you will find you are catching fish every 15 minutes and you need to bring one up right away so the fish does not wrap the fishing line around it. We find even 10 pound balls are hard to crank up from 120 ft,but thats what you need to keep the ball straight down. I have a fist sized cannon ball clipped to 80 of 80lb mono which is anchored to the end of the 2x3 with a knife near by safety first.I have both a cannon and scotty manual. I prefer the cannon, mainly because the spool does not sit flat.Have had way less issues with the line coming of the reel and the pulley at the end of the boom. Also cannot justify the big cost difference for the amount used. I was dropping down an average of 100 feet and cranked that thing 4 times an hour for two 5 hour sessions a day had a lunch break on shore. Like fish gunner said my pipes are looking tighter this week lots of compliments on my buff physique this week. lol. I will eventually go to cannon electrics digitroll 5s most likely so i can link to my humminbird. My 1080 had the extended handle and comes up 2 ft per turn so its not that bad.There are compelling arguments for both. I do like the ease of the electric and truthfully I am not certain how much I would be using them. I am looking at going to some deeper lakes undecided which lake in Saskatchewan for trout in Sept and maybe making a trip again to cold lake. What I am thinking is that if my buddy gets back to me with a compelling price on the manual down riggers then I will go for those. If not, I may pull the trigger on the electric one as I do like the ease of them. I may find that I use the manual ones and despise them and will be upgrading to the electric. I do have the hummingbird 587ci HD depth finder. It is good to know that I can use that with certain down riggers. I should know by the end of the week which way I want to go.

Make sure to get some rubber snubbers or what ever there called to hook between cannon ball and down rigger cable helps take the shock out and gives it a breaking point if ever get caught on bottom. The other thing to consider is how easy they are to work on. If you have change a spool on the water. The cannons are super easy. Might also want to look at changing to braid. Way less drag dont have to run as heavy of ball. Whether you're targeting Salmon or Sailfish, getting you're lures in the strike zone is key. First we'll go over the characteristics of downriggers. Then, we'll review the top picks. Let's get started. You'll also need to retrieve the rig when you're done. Understanding each part of the downrigger will allow you to make a better decision on what model best serves your needs. It is generally just a large spool capable of holding several hundred feet of cable. The cable will be unrolled to lower your rig to the desired depth. They're usually made with a highdensity polymer or aluminum. Both are generally good. Steel is a third option that should be considered closely. However, unprotected steel is likely to corrode in saltwater. Some are geared while some are directly mounted to the reel. On an electric unit, this is usually just a backup should your battery run dead. There is no casting so this only aids in getting the rigger cable away from your boat so it can do its job without interfering with other operations. Either work well but fiberglass is notably lighter and has a little flex to it. The flex can help ease strain on the line and reel. While this is this case with a downrigger clutch, it isn't that intuitive. The clutch isn't on the power system, it's on the line brakes. The last thing you want is that kind of force transferring to your downrigger arm. This allows you to store the costly portions of the rig. Most people find this a great security feature. These are usually a simple, bucketstyle affair but serve their purpose.

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