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ACME'S KASTMASTER® XL IDEAL CHOICE FOR LIGHT TACKLE SURFCASTING
Follow These Expert Tips to Nail Stripers, Blues and Other Saltwater Gamefish in the Surf Zone

Acme Tackle Company's Kastmaster® XL is perfectly designed for light-tackle surfcasting. With the ability to cast accurately over long distances — even through the wind — and imitate sand eels, silversides, anchovies and other slender bodied baitfish, the Kastmaster XL is deadly on striped bass, bluefish and other surf zone gamefish.

Acme offers the Kastmaster XL spoon in a range of sizes/colors to accommodate different fishing situations, local baitfish and preferred spinning gear. Each model combines Acme's proven "slab-sided" Kastmaster design with an elongated body shape, resulting in a lure that casts like a bullet and swims with a frantic action at any retrieve speed. Acme's 2-3/4" and 3-1/2" Kastmaster XLs are ideal for throwing to school-sized stripers and tailor blues on 6- to 10-lb. line, or anytime fish are keyed in on small forage. Two larger sized Kastmaster XLs— measuring 4" and 4-1/2" — are perfect for casting with 12- to 15-lb. spinning gear for larger stripers and blues, or anytime you need to reach further out to fish cruising outside the breakers. Each lure comes with a bright silver finish with a choice of five prism tape colors for maximum flash and visibility in any water conditions.

Surf anglers can maximize their catch with this versatile spoon by scouting out favorite beaches at low tide, noting locations of sand bars, holes, high spots and other irregularities that concentrate baitfish and provide ideal ambush zones. Work these areas carefully by "fan casting" the entire zone, from straight out to parallel to the surf. Watch for rip currents (which pull straight out) or currents running along the beach, as predators often lie in wait for these currents to bring baitfish to them. Try to present your lure either with or across the current (rather than against it), as this imitates the natural behavior of baitfish being pushed around by moving water. It's important for surf anglers to observe what's going on around them, watching for birds wheeling and dipping outside the breakers, "nervous" water or boils. These indicate the presence of concentrated baitfish and predators, and should be worked thoroughly. The versatile action of the Kastmaster XL lets you match the behavior of local forage. If gamefish are feeding on anchovies or other small baits suspended midwater, you can work the Kastmaster XL accordingly. If the bite is on sand eels, you can imitate their unique behavior by letting the lure sink to the bottom — creating a "puff" of sand — then retrieving it with a quick spurt before letting it tick the bottom again. This is how sand eels act when predators are near.

However you fish it, Acme's Kastmaster XL will stand up to plenty of tough saltwater fishing — and gamefish — with its stainless steel split rings and 4X-strong VMC treble hooks. To find out more about the versatile Kastmaster XL — or Acme's full line of proven metal lures for salt and freshwater angling — contact Acme Tackle Co. at 69 Bucklin St., Providence, RI 02907 • Telephone: (401) 331-6437 • Or visit online at: www.acmetackle.com.

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