

## Part 4

# Chasing Tailers at High Tide

### How To Spot 'Tailers'

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**Fly Fishing For Redfish Basics 101 Introduction for Beginners**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0O0FeeaaiKc&t=265s>

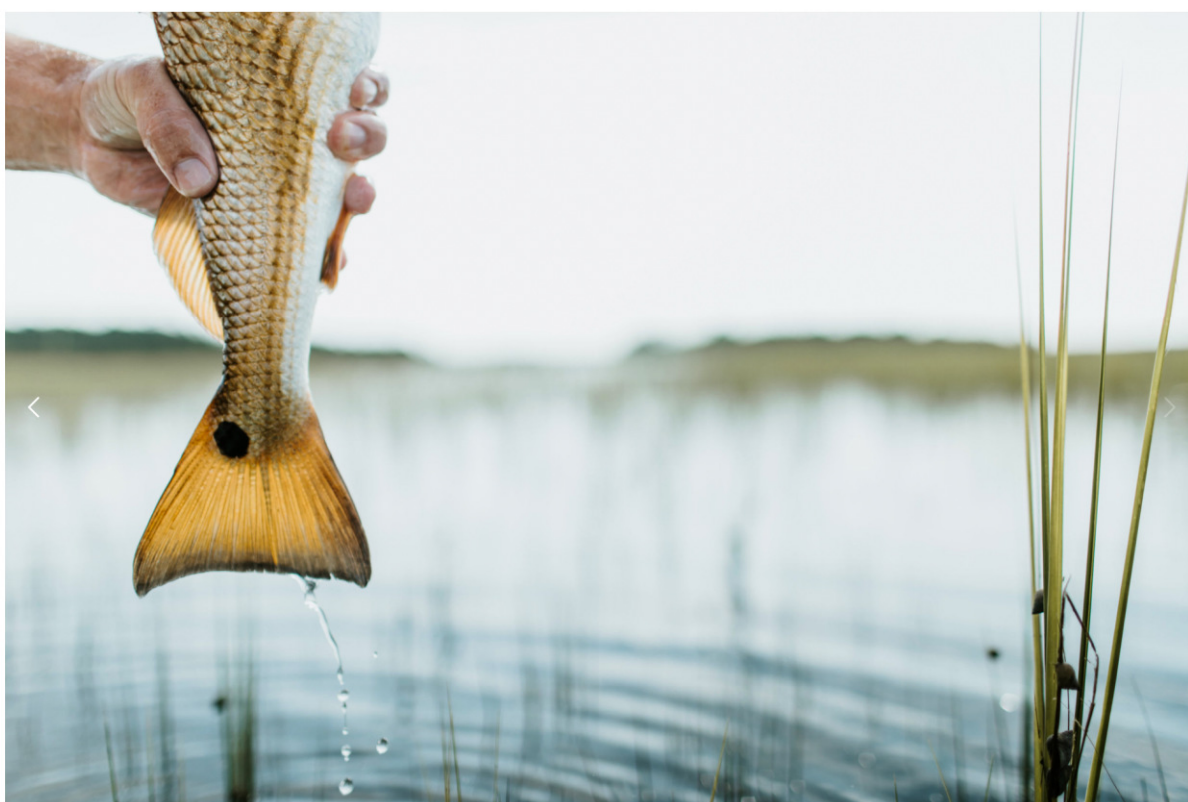


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### Spoiler Alert

So you think you are going to see a classic 'Tailer'? Nope. So pay attention to what Mike Benson from Charleston, South Carolina has to say about what to look for on a flat.

Ben Sittig, of **Huge Fly Fisherman** YouTube fame, asks his friend a question at the 3:15 minute mark of video. Enjoy the full and complete transcript on the next page.

Ben: "This is my friend Mike. Hey Mike, when you're trying to find Redfish what should you look for?"



# **R**edfish HIGH TIDE TAILERS CRAWLERS Flutters Floater DIGGERS Tippers SNAKES & Classic Tailers

Mike: "You got'cher Tailers!  
You got'cher Crawlers!  
You got'cher Flutters  
...Floaters!  
You also have your Diggers. Theres a lot of different types of tailers—  
Tailers obviously 'tail'. *[Right arm straight up in the air.]* Got it? Right!  
But there's a Digger...  
Now a digger he's got his whole ass outta the air. He's got his head down  
and he's just going all kinds away, no pattern no direction, very very hard.

Generally with a digger I'd a slap him right in the face and they either eat it or they run away.

Then you have a Tipper...

He's moving on a straight line ...tip, Tip, TIP easy to track very very happy fish very fun fish.

Then you have a Snake...

...and a snake, he's just crawling through really shallow water. You got his back and his tail also early easy but very spooky so you need to lead that one a lot more.

Then you have the Floater...

The Floater is in deeper water. He's sitting up high so you can see him and he's just kinda well floating. Those are really tough because they're not super happy fish. So you gotta lead 'em.. Try to cloak your shadow.

However, they can be caught and then like I said ....

Just a classic Tailer...

Those are nice if they're caught at a predictable (*sic*) and and puttin' their tail up.

That's it but they're all different.

The last word by Ben, the "Huge Fly Fisherman".

"Look for wake pushes, tails, back splashes, but make sure they're not Mullet." :-)